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The British Flag Now Waves Over the Capital of the Orange Free State.

FORCE FORTY MILES FROM MAFEKING

Col. Plumer's Force is Advancing to Relief of Baden-Powell--Boer Commander Says the British Were Repulsed on Saturday.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 14, 9 p. m.—It is officially announced that Lord Roberts has occupied Bloemfontein, and that the British flag is flying from the top of the capital.

London, March 14.—A few hours should bring important dispatches from Lord Roberts.

No word has come from Bloemfontein to-day, although sharp fighting is believed to have occurred since the commander-in-chief was last heard of.

London expects that the occupation of the Orange Free State capital will occur to-day.

Plumer Approaching Mafeking.

In the meanwhile attention turns to Mafeking, which can scarcely hold out much longer. The news of Plumer's approach has given substance to the rumors of its relief, but those best informed are inclined to think the relief is more likely to be accomplished by Col. Peckman's column from Kimberley.

Private advices have set forth that Col. Plumer had almost given up the hope of accomplishing anything more than harassing the Boers, though since this was written it is possible that the diminishing numbers of the investing forces may have rendered Plumer's task more feasible.

Salisbury's Reply.

Cecil Rhodes is suffering from catarrh of the stomach and is unable to sail for England.

All dispatches recount that the greatest satisfaction is felt at Salisbury's reply to the Boer presidents' peace overtures.

A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg published in the second edition of the Times says: "The reply, especially that paragraph relating to independence, has been received in Natal with feelings of great relief and is dispelling all doubts."

Situation at Johannesburg.

A private dispatch from Johannesburg dated March 10th, has been received in London contradicting the reports that the mines there are flooded and machinery broken, and says all is well.

Dr. Jameson.

A private dispatch received here says Dr. Jameson, who was ill at Ladysmith, is better and likely to recover.

Dr. Jameson was anxious to have a military command in the campaign but as the leader of the raid he was excluded from the service for reasons, and not welcomed when he arrived at Ladysmith a few days before the investment of the town. His opportunity came when the garrison was fever stricken. He reverted to medical practice and did ten men's work in caring for the fever patients and wounded soldiers.

America's Offer.

Regarding the United States offer of mediation, the Globe says: "The incident is of interest only in the light it throws on American politics. Republicans and Democrats alike are always prepared to risk the friendship of England in the party game. We may preserve amicable relations with the United States and it is to be hoped we always shall do so, but an alliance is impossible. We were brought to the verge of war four years ago for the sake of Cleveland's reelection, and a pretext for a diplomatic quarrel will never be wanting which the anti-English elements of the Republic have to be conciliated."

DISPATCH FROM ROBERTS.

London, March 14.—The following is the text of Lord Roberts's dispatch to the war office announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:

"Bloemfontein, Tuesday, March 13, 8 p.m.—By the help of God and by the bravery of Her Majesty's soldiers, the troops under my command have taken possession of Bloemfontein.

"The British flag now flies over the presidency, evacuated last evening by Mr. Steyn, late president of the Orange Free State.

"Mr. Fraser, member of the late executive of the government, the mayor, the secretary of the late government, the landrost and other officers met me two miles from the town and presented me with the keys of the public offices.

"The enemy have withdrawn from the neighborhood and all seems quiet.

"The inhabitants of Bloemfontein gave the troops a cordial welcome."

The above dispatch, though dated Tuesday, was not received at the war office until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. It was made public a few minutes before nine o'clock.

The delay is attributed to the field telegraphs not being connected with Bloemfontein on Tuesday evening.

Extra papers are already out on the streets, and the night crowds of London are singing patriotic songs and engaging in demonstrations.

BOER ACCOUNT OF FIGHTING

Pretoria, March 13.—Commandant Delarey's report of the fight at Abraham's Kraal on Saturday says:

"The British were estimated to number 10,000 men. Their first assault was repulsed. The second assault was made on the hills to the left of our position. These hills were of great strategic importance. Appreciating this, I and three hundred men defended the position from nine in the morning until sundown.

"The burghers fought like heroes and three times repulsed masses of British who kept relieving their tired men. Every attempt to storm was defeated.

"At sundown there was not fifty yards between us.

"The British lost heavily. No accurate returns of our loss available."

PLUMER NEAR MAFEKING.

Lobatsi, March 8.—Col. Plumer's force reached here on Tuesday, 6th. It is believed that only a single bridge southward has been destroyed, and otherwise the railroad is intact within five miles of Mafeking. Col. Plumer has already dispersed the Boer police posts in the neighborhood, and is actively pushing his advance southward.

Capetown, March 14.—Plumer is now within 40 miles of Mafeking.

PLOT TO FREE PRISONERS.

Capetown, March 14.—It has just transpired that another plot has been discovered to free the Boer prisoners at Simonstown. The remarkable quantities of watermelons received by the prisoners aroused comment, and an investigation discovered that compromising letters were contained in the melons, the writers planning the escape of the captives.

Great satisfaction is felt here at the fact that the transports with the bulk of the prisoners sail for St. Helena to-night.

WILL MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT

Washington, March 14.—The answer of Lord Salisbury to the message from Presidents Kruger and Steyn, which was transmitted through the United States government, was received at a late hour last night by Secretary Hay through Mr. White, United States charge at London, and has been transmitted to Adelbert Hay, United States consul at Pretoria, who will submit it to the two presidents.

It is believed that another effort will soon be made by the Boers to attain peace, though recourse may be had to some other agency than the United States.

The president has decided that it is not proper to make public just yet the text of the communications which have passed between Pretoria, London and Washington, relative to the peace negotiations. This particular correspondence was separate and apart from the note addressed by Presidents Kruger and Steyn to nearly all the continental powers, believed to be in sympathy with their cause.

French Press Comments.

Paris, March 14.—The majority of the French papers confine themselves in printing the text of the communication exchanged between Lord Salisbury and Presidents Kruger and Steyn without comment.

The Temps in a leading article deals with the subject and expresses the opinion that Lord Salisbury's reply means a war of conquest and annexation, but also a war to the death, for in President Kruger's message appears a resolution to resist a taute outrance.

The Temps concludes: "After the example given by the United States it would be vain to place any hopes of intervention in the foreign powers."

The War Loan.

London, March 13, 7:30 p.m.—The war office loan bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons to-day by a vote of 268 to 21.

London, March 14.—In the House of Comons to-day the war loan passed its third reading.

From Lord Roberts.

Toronto, March 14.—Lord Roberts has written Sergt.-Major Cox, of the Royal Grenadiers, thanking himself and the members of the regiment for kindly remembrances of him. The regiment sent "Lord Bobs" a Xmas card.

Gone to Africa.

Toronto, March 14.—Three regulars of the R. C. R. I. have disappeared from Stanley barracks and are, it is thought, on their way to Africa.

Marquis of Lorne's Congratulations.

Belleville, Ont., March 14.—The Marquis of Lorne, who is honorary colonel of the Argyle Light Infantry of this city, has written a letter congratulating the Canadians on their splendid work at Paardeberg, and inquiring if any members of the Argyle Light Infantry were among the fighters.

In Honor of Irish Soldiers.

Sydney, N.S.W., March 14.—The government has proclaimed St. Patrick's day as a public holiday, as a tribute to the bravery of the Irish soldiers in South Africa.

Sailing of the Monterey.

Halifax, March 14.—The Monterey, with Strathcona Horse and a hundred officers and men to take the places of the Canadians killed and wounded on the first contingent, sails on Friday.

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The Appeal For Peace

Text of Telegram From Presidents of Transvaal and Free State.

Great Britain Will Not Assent to Independence of Republics.

London, March 13.—A parliamentary paper containing the telegrams sent to the British government by the presidents of the South African republic and the Orange Free State, and Great Britain's reply thereto was issued this afternoon. It first gives the telegram sent by the two presidents to the Marquis of Salisbury as follows:

"Bloemfontein, March 5.—The blood and the tears of thousands who have suffered by this war and the prospect of all moral economic ruin wherewith South Africa is now threatened, make it necessary for both belligerents to ask themselves dispassionately and as in the sight of the Divine God, for what are they fighting, and whether the aim of each justifies all the

Appalling Misery and Devastation.

With this object, and in view of the assertions of various British statesmen to the effect that this war was begun and is being carried on with the set purpose of undermining Her Majesty's authority in South Africa and of setting up an administration over all of South Africa independent of Her Majesty's government, we consider it our duty to solemnly declare that this war was undertaken solely as a defensive measure to maintain the threatened independence of the South African republic, and is only continued in order to secure and maintain the incontestable independence of both republics as sovereign international states, and to obtain the assurance that those of Her Majesty's subjects who have taken part with us in this war

Shall Suffer No Harm Whatever

in person or property.

"On these conditions, but on these conditions alone, are we now, as in the past, desirous of seeing peace re-established in South Africa, while, if Her Majesty's government is determined to destroy the independence of the republics, there is nothing left to us and to our people but to persevere to the second course already begun. In spite of the overwhelming prominence of the British Empire we are confident that God, who lighted the unextinguishable fire of love of freedom in the hearts of ourselves and of our fathers, will not forsake us and will accomplish His work in us and in our dependents. We

Hesitated to Make This Declaration

earlier to Your Excellency as we feared that as long as the advantage was always on our side and as long as our forces held defensive positions far within Her Majesty's colonies, such a declaration might hurt the feeling and honor of the British people.

"But now that the prestige of the British Empire may be considered to be assured by the capture of one of our forces by Her Majesty's troops, and that we have thereby been forced to evacuate other positions which our forces had occupied, that difficulty is over, and we can no longer hesitate to clearly inform your government and people in the sight of the whole civilized world why we are fighting and on what conditions we are ready to restore peace."

FROM LORD SALISBURY.

"The Marquis of Salisbury to the Presidents of the South African Republic and Orange Free State:

Foreign Office, March 11th.

"I have the honor to acknowledge your honors' telegram dated March 5th from Bloemfontein, of which the purport is principally to demand that Her Majesty's government shall recognize the 'incontestable independence' of the South African Republic and Free State, 'as sovereign international states,' and to offer on those terms to bring the war to a conclusion.

"In the beginning of October last, peace existed between Her Majesty and the two republics under conventions which then were in existence.

"A Discussion Had Been Proceeding

for some months between Her Majesty's government and the South African republic, of which the object was to obtain redress for certain very serious grievances under which the British residents in South Africa were suffering. In the course of these negotiations the South African republic had, to the knowledge of Her Majesty's government, made considerable armaments and the latter had consequently taken steps to provide corresponding reinforcements of the British garrison at Capetown and in Natal. No infringement of the rights guaranteed by the conventions had up to that period taken place on the British side.

"Suddenly, in two days' notice, the South African republic, after issuing

"An Insulting Ultimatum,

declared war upon Her Majesty, and the Orange Free State, with whom there had not even been any discussion, took a similar step. Her Majesty's dominions were immediately invaded by the two republics. Siege was laid to three towns within the British frontier, a large portion of two colonies were overrun with great destruction of property and life, and the republics claimed to treat the inhabitants of extensive portions of Her Majesty's dominions as if those dominions had been annexed to one or the other of them. In anticipation of these operations the South African republic had been accumulating for many years past military stores on an enormous scale, which by the character, could only have been intended

For Use Against Great Britain.

Your honors make some observations of a negative character upon the object with which these preparations were made.

"I do not think it necessary to discuss the questions you have raised, but the result of these preparations, carried on with great secrecy, has been that the British Empire has been compelled to confront an invasion which has entailed upon the Empire a costly warfare and the loss of thousands of precious lives. This great calamity is the penalty Great Britain has suffered for having of recent years acquiesced to the existence of the two republics.

"In view of the use to which the two republics have put the position which war has given them and

The Calamities

their unprovoked attack has inflicted on Her Majesty's dominions, Her Majesty's government can only answer your honors' telegram by saying they are not prepared to assent to the independence either of the South African republic or the Orange Free State."

Press Opinions.

London, March 14.—Discussing Lord Salisbury's reply to the Boer presidents the Standard says: "It is hard to treat with any seriousness an appeal which ignores the palpable realities of the situation. So far as it is meant for diplomatic use abroad, the appeal is a sheer waste of labor. Knowing our views the diplomats of both hemispheres will respect them."

The Daily News says: "Lord Salisbury puts his decision on the right grounds. No other answer could be expected. The duty of the Liberal party will be to use its influence in the direction of tempering future British sovereignty with the largest measure of local autonomy consistent with the securities for inter-state peace and equal laws and liberties."

Waiting An Answer.

Washington, March 13.—Up to the time the cabinet meeting adjourned today the answer of the British government to the representations made through Mr. Choate touching the restoration of peace in South Africa had not been received. Not a single proposition to serve as a basis of a peace agreement between Great Britain and the Boer republics was set out in the communication to Lord Salisbury, all that was ventured in this first overture was an enquiry as to what Great Britain was likely to demand as the price of stopping the war. To have gone further and have proposed terms on our own account might have placed the United States in the position of an uninvited mediator.

MR. TARTE'S TRIP TO PARIS.

Ottawa, March 13.—Sir Charles Tupper in the House to-day asked if the government could give any information in regard to what arrangements were made for representation at the Paris exposition.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier regretted that Hon. S. A. Fisher was not present to give full information, but he (Laurier) might tell the leader of the opposition that Mr. Tarte had been appointed chief commissioner for Canada at the exposition. The Minister of Public Works would get no salary. The conclusion was reached by the government rather reluctantly, because the government did not wish to lose his services during the present session. It was well known, however, that Mr. Tarte was not well, and his friends hoped that the trip to Paris and change of labor would benefit his health.

On the motion to go into supply, Mr. Bourassa made his speech on the question that parliament should have been consulted first before Canada should have embarked on war.

"THE MODEL PAPER."

Topeka, Kas., March 13.—The first issue of Sheldon's edition of the Topeka Capital went to press at 2:37 this morning, 23 minutes earlier than the usual time. Mr. Sheldon stayed in the office until the press started, and carried home with him the first copy of the paper. All the mails were caught, and the press was kept running until about noon to-day, printing something over 100,000 copies. The rest of the edition will be printed in Chicago and New York, for which matrices will be sent daily. The management of the paper says the mailing list and city circulation now contain 360,000 copies, and that fresh orders are coming by every mail. The paper was not satisfactory to the regular subscribers and outside papers have been bought freely to-day.

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Will Continue the War

Appeal From Presidents Does Not Alter Great Britain's Determination.

Boers Between Two Armies—The Siege of Mafeking—Rebels Lay Down Arms.

London, March 14.—Lord Roberts's own dispatch from Venter's Vleid referring to the advance on Bloemfontein is the only message that has been allowed to come through. Doubtless Lord Roberts himself is fully occupied with important military operations.

The dispatch from Capetown saying that Gen. French has arrived at Bloemfontein, probably does not mean that he has entered the city.

Lord Roberts's movement may mean either that the Boers have cut the railway to the north or that the cavalry have done so. If the former, then it may be assumed that no rolling stock has been seized, but the general assumption is that the latter interpretation is correct. This would greatly facilitate obtaining supplies from Orange river, an important matter, as Lord Roberts's line of communication with Modder bridge is now one hundred and ten miles long. The Boers

May Make Another Fight,

but there is little doubt that Lord Roberts will occupy Bloemfontein to-day (Wednesday).

The Boers retiring from Orange river will find themselves between two British armies, and their guns are almost bound to fall into the hands of the British while the occupation of the capital of the Free State will strain the alliance of the two republics to the utmost.

The government will not allow the Kruger-Steyn matter to influence in any way their determination not to spare any effort to prosecute the war. There will be no diminution of measures calculated to maintain the full efficiency of the field force, and whatever reinforcements were previously considered advisable will still be sent out.

Lord Salisbury's reply meets with general approval among Conservatives.

Mr. Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says: "Lord Roberts is probably waiting in front of Bloemfontein for the infantry divisions. None of them could well be expected to arrive before dark. The three divisions would probably be so directed that while the leading one would follow the cavalry and

Turn the Boers Defences,

the other two would come up on the original Boer front, so that in case of resistance, the Boers could be enveloped and compelled to retreat under difficulties and with heavy loss. Lord Roberts is not the man to forget, in his determination to reach a strategical point, any measures likely to contribute towards crushing a part of the enemy's forces. There are abundant signs of the demoralization of the Boers. The first is the bad strategy of their resistance to the advance of Lord Roberts. Then comes the messages from the Presidents to Lord Salisbury. Kruger and Steyn, it can be seen, have not quite realized their position, but Lord Salisbury's reply being precisely what the British nation expected him to send, may open their eyes."

BOERS BECOMING CRUEL.

In the Event of Siege of Pretoria Position of British Prisoners Would be Precarious.

London, March 14.—Telegraphing to the Morning Post from Durban, Winston Churchill protests against the ceremonious treatment of General Cronje, and adds:

"The stern decision not to exchange prisoners will undoubtedly accelerate the end of the war, but will prove very hard and perhaps even dangerous for the British prisoners in Pretoria. There is abundant evidence that Boers are becoming cruel and that the war enters a darker phase. It is very doubtful if the Boer government will be able to control the wild passions of the exasperated ruffians forming the noisy part of the Boer forces in the event of a siege of Pretoria and the position of British prisoners would become precarious.

"I have visited the dam which the Boers began on Klip river below Ladysmith. If it had been completed, it would have submerged Intombi camp, where there were 2,000 sick."

BOMBARDING MAFEKING.

Boers Make Determined Attack on Baden-Powell's Stronghold.

London, March 14.—The following dispatch from Lady Sarah Wilson, dated Mafeking, March 6th (by native runner to Lobat, March 9th), appears in the Daily Mail:

"On Saturday, March 3rd, the Boers furiously bombarded the brick fields and trenches, about a mile from the town, for three hours, killing one and wounding two colonials.

"On Monday, March 5th, they made a determined attack. Owing to a misunderstanding the colonials evacuated the foremost trenches. These the Boers occupied, but reserves were called upon and the trenches were recaptured with a rush. We had no casualties.

"The Boers continue very active, and it taxes Col. Baden-Powell and the garrison very heavily to prevent them from encroaching on our lines.

"Since Commandant Snyman has returned from the north the siege has been prosecuted with renewed vigor.

"Dynamite explosions were heard during the last two days of February. The Boers have been blowing up sections of the Northern railway, showing that they fear the approach of Col. Plumer's column.

"The new five-inch gun made here has proved very satisfactory and accurate.

"Col. Baden-Powell warned Commandant Snyman that unless he disbanded and disarmed the native levies filling the Boer forward trench by March 3rd he (Baden-Powell) would no longer be responsible for restraining Chief Linchwe, in the Sequani district. Commandant Snyman declines to disband them."

London, March 13.—Midnight.—In the lobbies of the House of Commons rumors that Mafeking had been relieved were in circulation this evening, but they still lack confirmation.

BOERS AT VAAL RIVER.

Movements of Canadians—Rebels are Anxious to Surrender.

Capetown, March 11.—News from Ladygrey, Herschel and Aliwal North show that the rebels are laying down their arms in large numbers, and that the Boers all along the border are in serious straits. The rebels assert that the Boers are subsisting on bread and water and so-called coffee, made from rye. Other rebels are leaving to fight in the Free State. British rule has been restored at Ladygrey, where a big fight is reported to have occurred, many rebels being killed. It is reported that thousands of rebels contemplate surrendering to Gen. Brabant.

Milner and Loyalists.

Capetown, March 13.—Addressing a public meeting here to-day Sir Alfred Milner, after referring to "the dark days, which we now hope are drawing to a close" eulogized the marvellous courage, patience and confidence shown by the Cape Loyalists during a season of great trial." He foreshadowed "better days that are surely coming, when the temporary bitterness of the struggle around us, has subsided." Then the National Anthem was sung and Sir Alfred Milner was enthusiastically cheered.

Boers Massing.

Capetown, March 14.—The Canadians from Victoria West proceeded to the Riesk districts. A Kimberley farmer who has just returned from a trip to Barkley West reports that the country is also deserted. He covered a distance of 75 miles. The Boers are said to be massing a strong force on the Vaal river, in the neighborhood of Klip Dam.

Brabant Engages Burghers.

Aliwal North, Cape Colony (by courier to Burghersdorp, via Stormberg Junction), Tuesday, March 13.—Gen. Brabant's forces arrived here Sunday. The Boers had retired the previous night, taking up a position four miles beyond the Orange river, where Gen. Brabant attacked and drove them back, occupying the position after a sharp engagement.

Barkley East Occupied.

Herschell, Cape Colony, March 13.—The Cape Mounted Police have re-occupied Barkley East.

Methuen at Poshof.

London, March 14.—The Daily Mail has the following dispatch from Kimberley, dated Tuesday, March 13th:

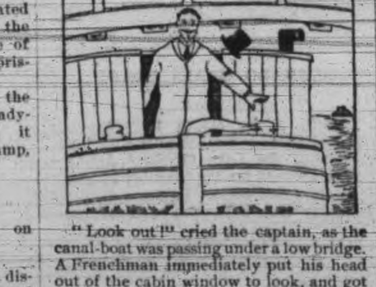
"Lord Methuen occupied Poshop on Sunday without opposition. He left a garrison there and returned here.

"The railway and telegraph lines have been repaired forty miles north to Slyp Klip.

"It is understood that the line between Fourteen Streams and Vryburg is not badly damaged."

Leyds Horsewhipped.

The Brussels correspondent of the London Financial News telegraphs that Dr. Leyds was horsewhipped by an Englishman. The visitor obtained access to Dr. Leyds's private room by representing himself as an emissary of a pro-Boer newspaper in England, but as soon as he was alone with Dr. Leyds he produced a bundle of obscene cartoons of Queen Victoria, which had been published by Leyds in French newspapers, saying: "You scamp! I am going to thrash you for this." He then displayed a whip, and promptly laid it across the shoulders of the Transvaal plenipotentiary. Dr. Leyds endeavored to summon assistance, but was unsuccessful, and, as his English adversary still continued to rain blows upon him, he finally crawled under a table, where he could not be reached, and from that position, in a piteous voice, shrieked for help. The Englishman finally said: "I have given you what my country will give your rascally employer at Pretoria," and then left in a leisurely manner, driving off in a conveyance which was awaiting at the door.



"Look out!" cried the captain, as the canal-boat was passing under a low bridge. A Frenchman immediately put his head out of the cabin window to look, and got a severe blow. Rubbing his head ruefully, he cried: "Why do these Yankees call look out when they mean look in?"

Look out for your health means look in. For the secret of health is within you. Germs are in the air you breathe and in the water you drink, but if your blood is pure and your stomach sound the germs can find no permanent lodgement.

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The almost certain failure of the starvation cure for dyspepsia has been proven time and again, but even now a course of dieting is generally the first thing recommended for a case of indigestion or any stomach trouble.

Many people with weak digestion, as well as some physicians, consider the first step to take in attempting to cure indigestion is to restrict the diet, either by selecting certain foods and rejecting others or to cut down the amount of food eaten to barely enough to keep soul and body together, in other words the starvation plan is by many supposed to be the first essential.

All this is radically wrong. It is foolish and unscientific to recommend dieting to a man already suffering from starvation because indigestion itself starves every organ, nerve and fibre in the body.

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A BOER INTERIOR.

I spent a wretched night in a room infested with vermin, but a busy night, and felt the utmost relief when I heard the clock strike the hour of 5 a.m. * * * I betook myself to the dam, a large reservoir where the rainwater was stored for irrigation purposes. Here, despite the chilling cold, I partly undressed and cooled my itching skin. * * * Going back to the house, I finished my toilet, and then went for a stroll.

It was nearly 8 o'clock when I returned. The family were only just ready to begin the day. Mr. Du Plessis sat at the side table in the dining room. And there was Mrs. Du Plessis, whom I had not seen before, and the children were there, girls and boys, down to a baby under twelve months. These had all ranged themselves on the chairs along the walls, and sat mute.

Presently the old lady came in from the kitchen, carrying a basin of water, a towel and a piece of soap. These she placed on the table at the top end by the front door, then, seating herself, laconically said, "Now, Meester, wash yourself."

I had but just recovered from the effects of that terrible night, the wearisome hours of which had failed to erase from my memory the painful moments of the evening before. Was I now to be subjected to further torture?

"Thank you," I said, "I have washed."

"You lie," she said, as if it were the most natural expression to use; "you had no water in your room."

"There was no water in my room," I replied, "but I went to the dam at 5 o'clock this morning and had a delightful wash."

"But how is it your eyes are so swollen if you have been up so long?" she asked.

"The room did that for me," I answered, calmly. "My lids are still swollen and very painful."

"Oh, ho!" laughed Mr. Du Plessis, "he got bitten! Fancy a man getting bitten! Those things don't trouble us in the least, you see."

"I am not accustomed to them," I retorted. "In my house we never see such a thing."

"Shall we read now?" asked the mother. "I think Meester ought to read this morning."

"And pray," added the eldest daughter.

A good-sized family Bible was handed me, and on placing it on the table and opening it at random what should crawl out but a specimen of my nightly visitors! I recoiled from the holy book, but one of the boys, noticing my embarrassment, calmly removed the insect, and either gave its liberty or kept it in his hand till after prayers.—The Cornhill.

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WHAT TO DO UNTIL THE DOCTOR ARRIVES.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N.Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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"I got so bad at last that life was a burden to me.

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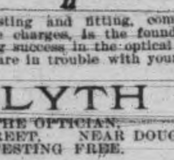
"By the time that box of pills was finished I was like a new woman. I had regained my strength, my heart beat naturally and regularly, and from that day, which is over a year ago, to this I have had splendid health."



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In the Gay World

Items of Interest to Many Persons.

Mrs. Lenz and her little daughter left on Saturday for an extended visit to Mrs. Lenz's friends in California.

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Miss Mabel Walkem is paying a much-enjoyed visit to Mrs. Croisdale at Nelson. She will remain away about a month.

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Mr. E. A. Carew-Gibson, who has been in town for six weeks or more, has returned refreshed and fortified to the 150-Mile House, Cariboo.

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Mr. E. A. Bickmore has departed for his home in England. Mr. Bickmore has spent the winter here and speaks highly of Victoria hospitality.

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Mr. and Mrs. J H. Escolene, who have been living here for the past two years, have left for England. They will probably return before the summer.

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Everyone is looking forward to the spring meet of the Hunt Club at Colwood on Easter Monday. It will surpass all other meets, so it is declared.

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On Wednesday, the 7th, a small but dainty luncheon was given by Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, of Terrace avenue. Among the guests of this popular hostess were Mrs. A. Griffiths, Mrs. G. V. Cuppage, Mrs. C. J. V. Spratt and Mrs. J. S. Harvey.

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In spite of the fearful weather many society people attended the last band concert. Among these were Miss B. Dunsmuir, Mr. and the Misses Goward, Mrs. and the Misses Bass, Miss L. Loewen, the Misses Prior, Miss Vernon and Mr. T. H. Pooley.

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Mrs. E. H. Fletcher, with Master Adrian Fletcher, who have been visiting in Ottawa at the home of Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, Mrs. Fletcher's father, of Ottawa, for the last four months, are returning to Victoria. Mrs. Fletcher's many friends will be glad to welcome her back.

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Here is an item of interest: "The widow of Grant Allen, the Canadian novelist, intends to open a book-shop in London. This seems a particularly suitable business for the wife of a distinguished book-man, and much interest has been evinced by literary London in Mrs. Allen's undertaking." I should think there would be. Is it not a good thing that some women have heads instead of bonnet-stands? Think of the dozens of us who would love to earn money if we only knew how!

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Now while patriotism runs high and to dare to hint that war is not the most humane method of argument is high treason, it is pleasing to hear of the enterprise of the society young women of St. Thomas, Ontario, who have increased the Red Cross fund of that town by a unique method. They had erected a small booth on a public thoroughfare in which was soon fixed all the paraphernalia for tea, coffee, light lunch, etc. Then the two girls dressed as Red Cross nurses send out the hot beverages to all comers. In a couple of days they cleared $60. With this money they bought drugs, beef tablets and other things of the same sort.

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Miss Mabel Harvey, of New Westminster, sister-in-law of Mr. J. R. Roy, who is pleasantly remembered here, is paying a three weeks' visit to Mrs. Rout Harvey at "Stonyhurst."

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Mr. Frank Wollaston and his sister, Miss Wollaston, so well known as an energetic worker for the hospital in connection with the Daughters of Pity, left this week for a trip to England. They expect to be gone about four months.

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It is proposed to have here a women's morning musicale club similar to the ones in Ottawa and Montreal, where members may bring their sewing. This is to accommodate busy housewives who might not otherwise be able to belong to such an organization. Mendelssohn and darning, Chopin and patching, Grief and feather-stitching—the possibilities are unlimited.

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Mrs. Arthur Robertson, of Pemberton road, and her two children are shortly expected home. Mrs. Robertson has been visiting her father, Mr. John Nairn, of Jarvis street, Toronto, for the past five months, and has greatly enjoyed her visit and renewed old friendships. It is from Toronto as from most Canadian cities that one may be exiled for years and still find one's friends as faithful and loyal when one returns.

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Every one is now getting in form for the golf tournament, which takes place here at the end of this month. "The most beautiful links in the world" is crowded, or to be correct, has a number of players dotted here and there over it on each of these fine days. Lent is upon us and we are not distracted by dissipation. Then, ho! for the green fields, and let us get down to the serious business of life, gold, golf and more golf. Among the frequent ardent players of the unprofane sex are Mrs. Burton, Miss Drake, Miss B. Foster, Miss Pemberton, Miss Hill, Mrs. Frank Barnard and Mrs. A. W. Jones.

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Almost everyone was present at one or other of the theatrical performances of the Blanch Walsh Company. Several parties were made up for each play. A box party consisted of Mr. T. Dunn, of Vancouver; Mrs. McNeil, of Rossland, and her sister, Miss Shaw, of the same place. Mrs. Burton, Miss N. Powell and Mr. A. W. Vowell formed another party. Among the many present were Mrs. J. Irving, Miss Macdonald, the Misses Lugrin, Mr. Gamble, Miss G. Keefer, Mrs. and the Misses Prior, Mrs. and the Misse Goward and Mr. A. T. Goward, Mrs. Higgins with Mrs. Corsan and Mrs. J. Raymur, Mrs. Powell and Mr. R. Powell, Mrs. and the Misses Bass, Mr. A. E. Carew-Gibson, Mr. J. H. S. Baker, Miss Adams, Mrs. Ellis, Miss Thain, Mr. F. J. Deane, Mrs. and Miss Hayward, Mrs. Norman Macaulay and Miss Mary Macauley, Miss Green, Mrs. Janion, Miss Rhodes, Mrs. Englehardt, Mrs. and the Misses Nason, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pither, Miss Storey, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Mess.

FRIVOLITY.

The City's Business

Consideration of Estimates By-Law Engages Attention of Civic Solons.

Many Land Owners Offer Sites for the Fire Hall in Victoria West.

In the consideration of the estimates, by the board of aldermen last night, among other matters discussed was that of tax sales, and Ald. Brydon spoke of the addition of five per cent. in these sales as auctioneer's fees, which, he said, should be done away with. In the matter of the fire department appropriation, Ald. Stewart requested that $200 be added in view of the fact that $1,000 had been taken off the appropriation by the saving of $400 on the chemical purchase and $600 for contingents, reducing the appropriation from $12,650 to $11,650. This $200, he suggested, was to buy helmets for the firemen, who had not a helmet, cap, badge or button. Many of the aldermen spoke of the other things to be done with the money, and when the vote was taken on whether that clause be recommended, none supported Ald. Stewart's suggestion, and the clause was left standing.

The by-law was taken clause by clause and when the auditor has looked it over will come back to the aldermen to be finally passed.

The following tenders were received offering land to the council in Victoria West district for a fire hall site: Ben Williams offered the north half of lot 64, 60x60 feet in size, for $350. The fire department are now tenants of this property. I. Braverman, lot 2 of subdivision of lot 18, section 11, fronting on Esquimalt road for a distance of 40 feet and 250 feet deep, for $600. Jos. Welsh offered lot 149, of block T, section 31, for $398.50. E. H. Anderson, lot 52 of block 1, on Henry and Mary streets, for $300; Matthew E. Leguire, lots 3, 4, 11 and 12, of subdivision 15, of Victoria West, block N, on Henry and Langford streets, for $500 each; H. M. Grahame, on behalf of P. W. Asterico, lot 73a, 73, 75 and 85, all of block L of the east quarter of section 31, all 60x121 feet; lot 73a fronting on Esquimalt and Alston streets, for $200; lot 73 for $280; 75 for $280 and 85 on Edward street for $200. The lots to be sold separately. E. M. Johnson, acting for the owners, offered lot 126 of block Q on Langford and Catherine streets for $750. Beaumont Boggs offered, on behalf of John Dean, of Rossland, lots 30, 31, and 32 on the northwest corner of Edward and Catherine streets for $800; and on behalf of W. Ralph, lot 85a, on the southwest corner of Edward and Alston streets, on the Indian reserve, 57x132 feet in size for $375. Rev. W. E. H. Ellison had two tenders offering the same property, arguing in his letters that if the council purchased the same it would settle the Craigflower road difficulty. He offered two lots, 113 and 114, of block N, 132 feet on Catherine street and 120 feet on Langford street, with a house on it that was insured for $1,000, and which he argued could be used as a firehall, for $1,800. The tenders were referred to the fire wardens and purchasing agent for report.

The street sprinkling contract was awarded to D. M. Robertson and J. Rule at 39 cents per hour per team. The other tenderers were F. H. Lindsay, the late holder of the contract, 45 cents per hour per team; M. Humber, 40 cents, and David Gowdy, 42½ cents. The tender was awarded to the lowest tenderer on the motion of Ald. Stewart. Ald. Kinsman moved in amendment that the tenders be referred to a special committee, the purchasing agent and city engineer. The amendment, however, was not supported.

For police uniforms, tenders and samples were received from Sprinkling & Co., Thomas & Grant, W. Stewart, J. T. Burroughs & Co., and T. D. Kinnaird. Tenders were received from Henry Short and J. Barnsley. The former offered helmets at $2.96 17-18 each; batons, Tower & Lion's, like the helmets, 94 1-15 cents each. Tassels at 33 9-15 cents each. J. Barnsley offered the total supplies, helmets, batons, etc., for a lump sum of $108.

Tenders for boots were received from G. H. Maynard and J. H. Mansell, each at $6 per pair. The tenders were referred to the committee for report.

Steve Jones was given permission to build a temporary 15x20 kitchen while his new block is being built, and until the new kitchen is installed.

After running over the estimates by-law and amending it for presentation to the auditor, the council rose.

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DOCTORS NOT CHATTELS.

Medical Journal Says Societies Wish to Debauch an Honorable Profession.

The Dominion Medical Journal for February has the following somewhat hysterical article: "Word has reached us from the far West, from the province erstwhile designated 'A Sea of Mountains,' that our brother practitioners in the thriving city of Victoria have organized a local medical society having as a chief plank in their platform that members shall abstain on and after January 1, 1900, from all participation in lodge practice. Following fast upon this declaration of professional independence comes the news that a mass meeting of the members of the leading benevolent and friendly societies doing business in that city has been held, at which a most emphatic series of resolutions have been adopted; and the fraternal hand has been uplifted in holy horror at the doctors' procedure.

"Is the fight on? Will the doctors of Victoria have the courage and manliness of their convictions to withstand this onslaught upon their rights and privileges? And so one of the principal objects for which fraternal societies were inaugurated was to debauch and prostitute a noble profession and honorable men who have done more good in one short year for the cause of humanity and true charity than all the fraternal and benevolent societies —and their name is legion—on the proximal side of that dark abyss toward which we never wish to 'trek.' If our brother physicians in the city of the Pacific province stand true to their guns in this revolt against this infernal lodge practice, they will kindle on those mountainous heights a beacon-light which shall despoil fraternal societies of the superstition that it is the heaven-born destiny of doctors of medicine to be the cat's paws of the exploiters of fraternalism. It is pretty near time that the officers of these flouted fraternal organizations were given to understand that the doctor is first of all a man, and that he is not the serf of shameless secret societies, to be bought and sold as goods and chattels or as the negro slaves of the Southern States were before a bloody war bought their freedom."

PHYSICIANS PRESCRIBE IT.

It has become quite common for physicians to prescribe Dr. Chase's Nerve Food for patients who are run down by the ravages of chronic disease. They recognize in it a restorative of inestimable worth in which are found the very elements of nature required to build up the system and form new flesh and muscle. Its revitalizing action on nerves and blood places it beyond the reach of rivals as an absolute cure for diseases of the nerves and blood. 50 cents a box.

THE COAL TRADE.

Carriers Demanding Extreme Rates From Coal Producing Ports.

J. W. Harrison, the coal and metal broker of San Francisco, in his coal circular for the week ending on Saturday last says: There have been the following arrivals of coal this week: Six from Washington, 17,195 tons; four from British Columbia, 4,900 tons; one from Oregon, 540 tons; one from New York, 402 tons; one from Japan, 3,600 tons; one from Australia, 3,371 tons; total, 30,008 tons. The amount at hand is fully equal to our weekly consumption, so the situation is unchanged, and there is now a general feeling that henceforward consumers will have but little cause for complaint. Prices remain as before; there is but little anticipation of any decline, as coal carriers are demanding extreme rates from all coal producing ports on the Coast; hence, there will be no shrinkage of values whilst the present schedule for freights prevails, which it certainly will all this year. Freights from Australia are softening, which they certainly must in the early future, as there is every inducement for ship owners to seek this port, if the vessels are adapted to carry grain, whilst the present outward freights sustain themselves. The present asking coal freights from the Colonies preclude shipments, as consumers can fill their requirements more economically from the Coast products, and deliveries are more regular, and are assured; whereas, there is always an uncertainty about the arrival of sailing vessels. Shipments from Great Britain are impossible, as coals are not procurable.

In the United States House of Representatives yesterday [illegible], of New York, introduced the following resolution: "That the secretary of war is hereby directed to inform the House of Representatives as early as possible what fortifications Great Britain is erecting, constructing and completing along the northern frontier of the United States, especially at Puget Sound and other places on the Pacific ocean contiguous to the state of Washington and district of Alaska."

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Canadians' Gallant Fight

Details of the Engagement in Which the Victoria Boys Fell.

Impetuous Colonials Could Not Be Restrained When the Cornwalls Charged

Details of the fight at Modder River on February 18th, in which the Canadian troops were so gallantly engaged and where four Victorians fell, are beginning to filter through from the front. The correspondent of the Toronto Star thus describes it:

When on the morning of February 18th, the Canadians, after a forced march of twenty-three miles during Saturday night from the direction of Jacobsdal, reached here, they were considerably fatigued, but still in good condition to engage in any serious undertaking that might be before them. When we reached this "drift" shortly after daybreak on Sunday, we found the Sixth Division of the forces in the field and a cavalry brigade engaging the main body of General Cronje's army, which was attempting to cross the river in full retreat from Magersfontein, and evidently making for a position whence his retreat upon the capital of the Orange Free State might be protected.

Fatigue Forgotten.

When the Canadians arrived at the scene of battle, and perceiving the situation of affairs, in their eagerness to be in the fight, they forgot all the hardships of the forced march which they had just undergone, and as the word was passed round that here at last was serious work ahead of them there was no flinching. The sight of the British soldiers already in action gave us Canadians a double incentive to take part in the fight. Every man straightened himself for the supreme effort that was coming.

Jumped Into the River.

As the word of command to move forward was given, our battalion at once advanced to the banks of the Modder and jumped into the river, which was running four feet deep at this point. Cronje's men held a strong position on the north bank of the Modder directly facing us. Riflemen were posted by the Boers in every donga along the steep banks on the north side and among a fringe of bushes which bordered on the banks. A few of the men of the Highland Brigade were already engaged in attacking the Boers at this point.

Canadian Formation.

We came in touch with the enemy in the following formation: A Company, from Manitoba, the Northwest and British Columbia; B Company from London, Ont., and E Company, from Montreal, made up the advance firing line of the Canadian regiment; D Company, of Ottawa and Kingston, and C Company, of Toronto, acted as supports to reinforce the firing line; F Company, from Quebec, G Company, from New Brunswick, and H Company, from Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, acted as reserves. These latter were not brought into action until the afternoon of Sunday.

The Canadians faced the Boer fire unflinchingly, and compelled the admiration of the British officers under whose observation they were. Their advances were made in short rushes of thirty paces, and it was done in splendid style under Major Buchan.

Captain Arnold, of Winnipeg, who was seriously injured and has since died, was gallantly leading his company when he fell before the bullets of a Boer marksman.

Under Fire All Day.

The Canadian regiment remained under fire all day, and as there was little cover the casualties in dead and wounded kept mounting steadily upward.

At five o'clock the Canadian regiment was reinforced. The Cornwalls were moved up to their support, an order to charge the enemy was given by the colonel of the Cornwalls.

Carried Away by Excitement.

This command did not apply to the Canadians, but when our men saw the British soldiers rush forward the example was contagious. The Canadians gave a cheer and every man in the firing line to the right joined in the charge. Seeing this, F Company, from Quebec, which was in place with the reserves rushed forward also upon the Boers' position, thinking that the whole regiment had orders to this effect. The charge was a magnificent one, but was met by a murderous fire from the Boer position. The British troops were falling fast and ultimately were forced to retire after they had covered two hundred yards north of the Modder River.

Gallantry of Maxim Squad.

Captain Bell, with his Maxim guns, displayed great gallantry in getting his weapons across the river and advancing to a position on the left bank of the Canadian regiment. Every step he took was in the face of a heavy Boer fire. From the left flank the Maxim gun did splendid work all day. (Mr. Smith here refers to the casualty list, which was forwarded officially from the battlefield, and which has been given out by the Ottawa authorities. He then continues his narrative thus):

At dark the firing ceased from the Boer lines, and it was found that they had retired, leaving our troops in possession of the position for which they had fought all day. All our dead were picked up and the wounded cared for, and that night we camped on the hard-won battlefield, cheered by the news that was circulated throughout the camp that the British attack upon Gen. Cronje had been a complete success, that his position was completely surrounded by British soldiers, and that his capitulation was only a question of time.

A Chorus of Praise.

I cannot emphasize too much the bravery of the Canadians during the whole day, and the outspoken admiration of the British soldiers in commenting on the manner in which the Canadian soldiers fought was calculated to send a thrill of pride through the breast of every man from the Dominion. If the official expressions of praise over the gallantry of the Canadians was strong, it found a louder echo in the manner in which Tomy Atkins himself ungrudgingly complimented his over-seas companion in arms. On Monday, the following day, the Canadians rested, and the respite from hostilities was much appreciated.

Monday evening, with the rest of the brigade, the rest of the Canadians moved up the north bank of the river to a number of kopjes overlooking the Boer laager. Taking advantage of the position won in Sunday's fight, the Canadians had a commanding place from which to observe the Boer camp.

On the Open Veldt.

Before six o'clock on Tuesday morning the Canadian regiment moved out on the open veldt, in front of General Cronje's laager, about 2,000 yards distant from it. After an hour spent in this position, the Canadians steadily advanced their outposts until they came in touch with the outer Boer trenches. The Dutchmen did not fire upon our men.

Waved White Flag.

One of their number came out of the trenches, waving a white flag, and stated that all the Boers in this particular position desired to surrender. The messenger was taken before Brigadier-Major Currie and Capt. Dixon. He repeated his statement, and was taken back again to the trenches. Here occurred a piece of treachery, which is not unusual. The Boers' escort was fired upon as soon as they had safely handed over their man to his companions.

Matters continued in a state of quietude until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, then the enemy in the laager began sniping again while the regiment was cooking dinner. Artillery fire was also started in the Boer trenches, sweeping our lines with a raking fire as our regiment left the supply wagon.

Wounded After Dinner.

On this occasion Private Downly, of F Company, was badly wounded, and Private Parker, of H Company, Private Holland, of C Company, were slightly wounded.

All the rest of the day our guns pounded the enemy's laager, where the Boers were surrounded.

Prisoners Come In.

Prisoners were coming into the British camp continually during the following week, and these reported that the relief columns advancing from the Orange Free State were being headed off by General French.

The Canadians, in common with the British soldiers, kept up the attack upon Cronje's laager steadily during the following week. The Canadian trenches being well advanced, until the final operations of our regiment.

Thanked by Lord Roberts.

On February 20th the Canadians were personally thanked by Lord Roberts for their gallant work, and he informed them that he had brought to the notice of the government the splendid work done by them in the operations in which they had been engaged.

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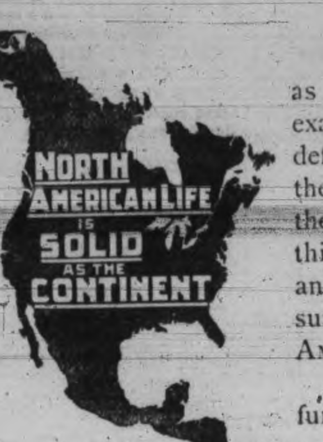

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City Hall, Victoria, B. C.,
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Feb. 29th, 1900.

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THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

We print "A Yorkshireman's" letter notwithstanding his sneer about the press in general being the hirelings of the capitalist. The other statements of the writer are probably more susceptible of proof than this atrocious libel. The Times believes with its correspondent that eight hours a day is long enough to work underground; indeed, it will go farther and say that it believes eight hours a day is sufficient for any laborer to engage in work, whether it be in a coal or copper mine or at an editor's desk. Our objection to the eight-hour law is to its inopportuneness rather than to its principle. To enact such a law before public opinion is ready to enforce it is a mistake. A principle that may be theoretically right, like the eight-hour-a-day question, will not be made immediately at all events—a practical success by antagonizing one of the two classes affected by the change, which has been the result in this case. We do not say that the eight-hour law is responsible for the closing down of the Kootenay mines, but mine owners do say so, and they have succeeded in impressing the public, in the most practical manner, with the disastrous effects of legislation of this character. They have closed down the mines. The movement to reduce the hours of labor has made great progress in this country during the last ten years, and to-day eight and nine hours is the prevailing time of labor in a majority of the trades. This has been accomplished without legislation and without friction between the employer and employee. There is also the question of wages. We cannot agree with the view that a man should not get more wages for ten hours work than he gets for eight hours, and if this had been conceded by the miners of Kootenay there would have been very little objection to the eight-hour law by the mine owners. Mine owners may be unjust, but can it be successfully argued that miners who insist that eight hours' labor is worth precisely the same as ten, while ten hours' labor is worth more than eight, are strictly fair and logical? The miners who insisted on receiving $3.50 per day of eight hours were, previous to the passing of the law, eager to work ten hours for the same wage.

THEY WANT PEACE.

There is now no doubt of the fact that the presidents of the Free State and the Transvaal republics realize the position in which they have placed their people by their ill-advised action in declaring war. They are suing for peace, but the terms on which their suit will be listened to will have to be such as will meet with the approval of the British people. The basis on which negotiations may be carried on will readily be guessed at when we read the declaration of some of the British ministers that no proposals will be considered which do not go far enough to guarantee that Britain shall never again face such conditions as confronted Her Majesty's government at the opening of the present campaign. We can take no other meaning from that declaration than that it is the intention that the Free State and the Transvaal shall be administered as Crown colonies of Great Britain until the time arrives when they can be entrusted to govern themselves, and that will be when British people form the majority of the inhabitants.

The outrages which we read of yesterday as having taken place under the very eyes of the commander-in-chief himself, and for which he felt compelled to administer a stern reprimand, are not calculated to improve the temper of the British people or make them as lenient as they would naturally feel to a brave and generous foe. The shooting down of officers and men under cover of the white flag and the use of explosive bullets are not the works of men who have the right to sue for peace in the name of the Lord.

THE PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS.

The political situation in British Columbia at the present time is certainly without precedent in the history of Canada since the introduction of responsible government. We do not believe it was contemplated by the Lieut.-Governor that the present administration, only one of whose members has ever been a member of the Legislature, should govern the province for a period estimated at from three to six months by the alarmists who have been giving their views in the newspapers. If such a course were contemplated we are convinced that the opinions expressed in the House of Commons and the Senate of Canada by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice that it was the duty of His Honor to insist on an early appeal to the people could not be ignored, and the decision be reached that dissolution with as little delay as possible is imperative. There is little doubt that the intention is that the new House shall meet in time to vote supply for the public service. Expenditures by special warrant have always been looked upon with a certain amount of disfavor since the era of responsible government dawned, even when the ministry have been regularly elected and their acceptance of office endorsed by the people, and the fact that the majority of the present government have not even seats in the House should certainly prevent His Honor from consenting to such a course. Looking at the matter from every conceivable point of view we believe it will be found that the elections will take place in time to have the House supply Her Majesty's ministers with funds for the public services in the customary constitutional manner.

After invading British territory, declaring the same part of the Transvaal or Free State, destroying millions of dollars worth of property of British subjects and killing thousands of British people, Oom Paul makes a plea for peace and defends his actions in probably the most absurd state paper ever presented to any government. It concludes as follows

"We hesitated to make this declaration earlier to Your Excellency, as we feared that as long as the advantage was always on our side, and as long as our forces held defensive positions for within Her Majesty's colonies, such a declaration might hurt the feelings and honor of the British people. But now that the prestige of the British Empire may be considered to be assured by the capture of one of our forces by Her Majesty's troops, and that we have thereby been forced to evacuate other positions which our forces had occupied, that the difficulty is over, and we can no longer hesitate to clearly inform your government and people, in the sight of the whole civilized world, why we are fighting and on what conditions we are ready to restore peace."

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Oom Paul seems to think there is a certain magic in the name republic which should appeal to all the world. A republic in which more than half the inhabitants were disfranchised and in which the people who were refused votes paid nine-tenths of the taxes did not approach very near ideal government. The name oligarchy would not sound so nice, but it would be a more correct description of the Transvaal form of government.

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The Medical Record says the sole aim of modern education would seem to consist of an attempt to develop the mind at the expense of the body; that the necessity of fresh air and exercise as part of a child's training is strangely overlooked. Nature supplies the children of Victoria with plenty of fresh air, and they themselves look after the necessary exercise. Any healthy child may be trusted to attend to that.

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The growth of the West is well illustrated by the case of Winnipeg. A population of 6,000 in 1880 has risen to 45,000 to-day, and the assessed value from $4,000,000 to $24,000,000. The increase is likely to be more rapid even in the future, for the Prairie City is situated in the midst of a magnificent country and well merits the name of the Chicago of Canada.

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It would not be a surprising thing if the United States passed a law next prohibiting any but American vessels from carrying goods to that country. The effect of such a measure on the general business of the country would receive scant consideration if a British steamship line could be shut out.

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Mr. Macmillan seems to draw the conclusion from our remarks on the effect of government ownership of railways in certain instances that we are opposed to the principle of state-owned roads. We think we said distinctly that under stated conditions the country should control all natural monopolies.

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The Toronto Caledonian Society through the Imrie Printing Company have issued a book containing the gems of the productions of the Scottish-Canadian poets. The work of making the selections has occupied many years, and the book contains numerous poems of real merit.

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A German engineer is said to have devised a method by which 56 per cent. of the energy generated in a steam boiler may be utilized. This is an enormous saving compared with the effective power of the ordinary steam engine, and it is said to entail but little additional expense.

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The Lieut.-Governor is surely well advised in these critical times. What with his regular ministers, the self-constituted committee on business government which waited on him yesterday and the timely advice of the Colonist, he should be able to steer a constitutional course.

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The Canadian Magazine for March is up to its usual standard. This issue is largely a military number, as befits a time of such martial ardor.

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The Rossland Board of Trade furnishes the information that over $7,000,000 was invested in mines in that district in 1899.

THE STATES IN A BAD WAY.

New Denver Ledge.

There may be no United States of America in a few years. The massing of wealth in the hands of a few, the constant fight of labor against capital, and the corrupt condition of politics will in a short time breed a revolution that will drive Uncle Sam into oblivion and cause the world to shiver with terror. The states are already on the down grade to destruction and the air brakes of reform should be immediately applied. We trust Uncle Sam will take the tip before it is too late.

A POINTER FOR THE PUBLIC.

New Denver Ledge.

A business man may as well attempt to run his delivery rig without axle-grease as to run his store without advertising. And yet there are men in business who are ever complaining about the lack of business who, when they advertise, if they advertise at all, do so in such a half-hearted way that they could not win trade from the unsophisticated savage. The main point in advertising is to know what you want to say and then say it with a directness that will convince a reader that you know your business.

THE PROPER COURSE.

Inland Sentinel.

The declaration of the provincial Liberal executive against the introduction of federal party lines in the coming provincial general elections will meet with the hearty approval of the great majority of people in all parts of the province. In deciding to place province before party the leaders of the Liberal party in British Columbia show that they are in close touch with the wishes of the people, for it must be abundantly clear to anyone who will carefully survey the situation, that at this juncture the introduction of federal party lines can serve no good purpose, whilst, on the other hand, such a course might work irretrievable injury to the province. The time may come when to divide on federal party lines would make little or no difference to the best interests of the province, but in view of the very peculiar state of affairs now confronting us, it is the bounden duty of every man sincerely concerned in the future prosperity of the province, and the maintenance of the constitutional rights of the people, to make common cause against the misrule recently inaugurated at Victoria, and to exert his utmost influence in the direction of securing to the province a stable government thoroughly representative of the people.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Caleb Coatsworth, a customs officer at Romney, and formerly warden of Kent County, Ont., died on Monday night, aged 71.

Roland B. Molineux has notified his counsel that they must call witnesses in his behalf in case the court of appeals grants him a new trial. He has not decided whether he will go on the witness stand, but to justify some of his schoolboy friends he believes he will and expose some features in the case.

Thousands of dollars, representing the savings of scores of Italian residents of Chicago, have disappeared from the vaults of Giraldi Frank's private bank. The local police are looking for Frank, who is believed to have left the city. The exact amount of the loss is not yet known, but as he had hundreds of customers the sum is believed to be well up into the thousands.

Rear-Admiral Kempff, at present commandant of the Mare Island navy yard, has telegraphed to the Navy Department his acceptance of the offer of command of the Asiatic station. Admiral Remey, the nominal commandant of the entire naval force on the Asiatic station, is expected to remain in the Philippines, while Rear-Admiral Kempff will have a separate squadron cruising on the Chinese and Japanese coasts.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

To the Editor: I am both surprised and shocked to read again in the Times that the passage of the eight-hour law was a mistake on the part of the legislature, etc. You give no real information, you only throw out insinuations. What your readers want is plain statements of what is objectionable in the eight-hour law. I think where the government made the mistake is in not enforcing the law, and of allowing a few mine owners, such as the Rossland company to intimidate them. I am an old miner, have worked in lead, coal and ironstone mines in England, therefore should know more about mines than those who have never seen or worked in one. I worked in the Old Gang, Kinning, Brandy Bottle mines, in Yorkshire. In these lead mines we worked twenty-four hours per week. In the Durham coal mines I worked in the Black Boy, Newton Cap and Rodymoor; in the last named I was back overman. Eight hours per day has been in operation there longer than I can remember. In Ironstone mines I worked at Normanby, Brotton and Guisbro mines. It was from this district that the first workingman's representative was sent to parliament, viz., Mr. MacDonald. I would here like to impress it on the farmers, miners and mechanics of British Columbia to put their own men in in the next general election. Make it a representative parliament. You have too long neglected your sacred rights. There is a saying very much quoted that the press is the mouthpiece of the people. There was never a bigger fallacy. The press in general only represent those that pay the biggest dollar, and that is the capitalist class. Both the papers in Victoria are filled about gold, silver and copper mines; very seldom you see anything about farmers and their crops. "Why is this?" We know that from this storehouse comes all the wealth of a nation. As regards the eight-hour law, "Why is it needful to work more than eight hours?" There are plenty of idle men; so it is not for want of men. The first question then is: Is it beneficial, to the best interests of the province to reduce the hours of labor? "Yes." First, because longer hours are detrimental to the health; second, because it will have a tendency to employ some of the surplus labor, which is always a "loss," as well as a menace to society. Idle men have to live. It is good policy to make them producers and save expenses of courts and jails.

If not trespassing too much on your valuable space, I would like to give our ex-members of parliament, who are making such a big noise a little hint. I say ex-members, because they have put themselves out of the pale of British Columbian sympathy by their outrageous conduct to the representative of Her Majesty the Queen. Even if Her Majesty should be lenient they can never represent British Columbia again, as no self-respecting loyal subject could vote for them or be in anyway identified with them, as it would be adding insult to insult, British Columbians must put men in office who have the interest of British Columbia at heart, not such men as were there last session, after wasting two months in idle cavil, end by insulting Her Majesty, and throwing their hats in the air and shouting, "We are the people." Never again must they be allowed the chance to make a play-ground of the parliament buildings. British Columbians have always been and will continue to be loyal. At the coming election I hope to see British Columbians show their loyalty by turning every member out who participated in the disgraceful affair.

A YORKSHIRE MAN.

LIBERAL RAILWAY POLICY.

To the Editor: After reading last evening's editorial in the Times I looked up the platform of the New Westminster convention. The first plank of it reads: 1st. Railways and Lands.—The adoption of a policy directed towards ultimate ownership of railways by the government. May I ask as a member of that convention "where are we at?"

JOHN MACMILLAN.

GOVERNMENT BY DEPUTATION.

To the Editor:—I see that a deputation of business men have waited upon the Lieut.-Governor to ask for a dissolution. I would like the constitutional organ across the way to quote section of constitutional procedure or a precedent to justify such an unusual act. Does the Colonist admit that the Governor is to ignore his constitutional advisers and to act upon the advice of an irresponsible deputation? Just imagine the Queen receiving a deputation of business men asking for the dissolution of parliament and ignoring Lord Salisbury.

The Colonist by its silence admits that private individuals have the power to advise the Lieut.-Governor as to matters of public policy, and that the Lieut.-Governor is justified in receiving their advice and acting upon it. Surely if the Colonist does not think so it would condemn this request from private individuals to His Honor, that he should administer the affairs of this country without regard to his constitutional advisers, who are responsible to the House and the country for that advice.

Has the time come when parliaments are to be set aside and ministers responsible to the country ignored, when public affairs are to be transacted by the Lieut.-Governor on the advice of deputations.

This is a matter I desire light upon, and as the Colonist regards itself as the organ of the constitutional party it should make its position clear and not be partial in its criticisms.

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Artizans and Skilled Mechanics

employed in the shops, honorably paying these men for their forced labor.

For facilitating and accelerating mobilization and concentration on frontiers like those of France, Germany and other continental countries, it has long been realized that railways are invaluable. Of little more than academic interest, however, would be an account of the special military railway systems organized for the purpose, since the requirements of those nations are so different from our own. In short, it is not here necessary to discuss the question of our own railroad system as a factor of national defence, beyond remarking that the basis of the whole scheme rests in the recognition of the fact that as the system, per se, it is acknowledged to be the best in the world, and is being worked always at high pressure, therefore its own civil functionaries are the proper persons to be retained to control it.

There can be little or no doubt that this plan is greatly preferable to those of France, Germany, Austria, etc., where the actual technical

Working of the Railways

is taken out of the hands of experienced officials and placed in those of military officers, whose only practical knowledge has been gained by occasional exercise and periods of training. Some years ago, however, Colonel H. M. Hosier read a paper before the members of the Royal United Service Institution, in which he enlarged upon the idea that in addition to a well-thought-out railway mobilization scheme for home defence, the peculiar requirements of the British army demanded provisions by which a special railway corps, or only the nucleus of one, might be forthcoming from the great railway works of the country, to accompany it on expeditions or in operations abroad. For, as the lecturer pointed out, there could be no possible doubt that it would be of the greatest assistance to those conducting such operations, particularly in a civilized country, well equipped with railroads, to have at their disposal not only trained engineer officers, but specially enlisted artificers, engine drivers, firemen and skilled workmen of all the various crafts concerned with the construction, repairing and working of railroads.

The dispatch of an army corps to South Africa is a case in point, and, happily, the troops are to be accompanied by just such

A Semi-Military

and unique detachment. Corps, if the term may be applied to the men now embodied at Chatham, from two, if not more, of the principal railway works.

How did the creation of the material for this eminently practical force come about? The scheme owes its origin to the patriotism and foresight of the late Sir George Findlay, the general manager of the London and Northwestern Railway Company, who conceived the idea of forming a technical volunteer corps solely from the men employed at the famous Crewe works; and early in 1877 an effective force of over 600 men was here embodied under the title of the 2nd Cheshire (railway) engineer volunteers. The corps is composed almost entirely of men who in their every-day avocations are smiths, fitters, engine-drivers, signalmen, etc.—in short, acquainted with every phase of railway work, and also undergo, in addition to the ordinary infantry drill, a course of instruction in military engineering.

But Sir George Findlay's patriotic endeavor did not stop here. Realizing that the corps, from having been incorporated upon the ordinary volunteer principle, was liable only to be called out for active service in event of invasion, he next approached the war office with a scheme by which a certain portion of it might be rendered available for service abroad. His idea was at once heartily acquiesced in by the authorities, and soon came to pass.—From the London News.

AN EDITOR FINDS A SURE CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

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CHAS. HAYWARD,
Mayor.

Victoria, B. C., March 8th, 1900.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 14—5 a. m.—Abnormally high barometric pressure still covers the North Pacific Coast and Canadian Territories, while in California the barometer is comparatively low. These conditions will probably cause continued fine weather from the Pacific to the Great Lakes, higher temperature west of the ranges, and a cold spell in Manitoba. The temperature rose to 60 degrees on Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland yesterday, and much higher in the neighboring states.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday.

Victoria and vicinity—Fresh northerly winds, fair and mild to-day and Thursday.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, continued fair and warm during the day.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 52; minimum, 52; wind, 11 miles N.; weather, clear.

New Westminster — Barometer, 30.38; temperature, 38 minimum, 38; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.64; temperature, 30; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 50; minimum, 50; wind, 6 miles S. W.; weather, cloudy.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Give your friends Blue Ribbon Tea.

—The cheapest store in town for carpenters' tools and hardware. Onions & Plimley, Broad street.

—Imperial Cafe for afternoon tea, Ralston's bread and buns: cosy rooms for ladies.

—Have you seen the $1 per dozen Printed Cups and Saucers at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

—A meeting of Epworth League of Metropolitan Methodist church was held on Monday evening, when the proceedings were in the hands of the literary committee of the society. An interesting address was delivered by Dr. Hall on the "Creation of the World," after which a business meeting was held.

—The regular meeting of the Loyal Dauntless Lodge, C.O.F., held last night in their rooms in the Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street, was of more than usual importance. Last night as on other nights, new members were proposed and others initiated. The most noteworthy feature of last night's proceedings was an official visit from the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Carter. After being formally introduced to the lodge by Lecture Master Bro. Tagg, the P.G.M. took N. G. Richardson's chair and in a short address gave an account of the strength of the lodges, numerically and otherwise, in the district. The P.G.M. also mentioned a proposition that is likely to come before the Supreme Court of the order in Canada, arising out of the position taken by the medical profession here towards friendly societies, and that is to increase the amount of sick pay at present allowed to members and allow each member to employ what doctor he likes. Another interesting feature of the meeting was a short validictory address by Bro. F. V. Hobbs, who leaves this week for England. Bro. Tagg voiced the feeling of the lodge in expressing the regret all the members felt at losing so worthy a member as Bro. Hobbs. Bro. Hobbs was given all the honors on his leaving the lodge, and as a parting gift, presented to the lodge a handsome picture framed entitled "From Jericho to Jerusalem."

—Adgie, and her den of lions; Lyceum Theatre to-night.

—The "Toll Gate Inn," a neat little sketch of colonial life, was presented at the Victoria theatre by a company in which there were certainly no actors or actresses of undue brilliancy, but each character was most satisfactorily delineated, pure, wholesome characterizations being responsible for an enjoyable performance. The production is a melodrama, the scene being laid in the vicinity of one of the many camps of the continental army. There are no extraordinary climaxes, and no attempt at the "penny dreadful" in the entire play, the story contained dealing with treachery on the part of a captain in the revolutionary army in communication with Benedict Arnold, after the latter's desertion, the false accusation against a continental private, the friendship of a half-breed scout, and the devotion of a sister and sweetheart. It is needless to mention that the traitor received his just deserts, the unjustly accused private vindicated, and those separated through the machinations of the traitor, reunited. There are also several little touches of comedy in the play, which, combined with the unostentatious but intense trend throughout, contributed to a performance which dwarfs by many cubits those emblazoned throughout the country "as decidedly the best." There was no marked display of histrionic ability, the delineation of J. B. Weeks of Pontchie, the half-breed; Dr. Abner Buck by John Ashton, and Ned Pennington, by Arthur L. McCormack, were perhaps worthy of mention. The entire performance may be characterized as of a restful and pleasant nature.

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—Tree Pruners, Pruning Knives, Hedge Trimmers and Garden Tools cheap for cash, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

—Lyceum Theatre to-night; The Dockmans, champion bag punchers of the world.

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—The congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, will celebrate the 10th anniversary of their organization by a sacred concert in the church on Monday evening, 26th inst.

—At the third of the series of Lenten organ recitals to be given in St. John's church on Sunday evening next, Mr. Longfield will be assisted by the following vocalists: Mrs. Anderson, Miss E. Sehl and Dr. Robertson. Solo flutist, Mr. Fred W. Morse.

—In the police court this morning J. W. Lawrence was charged with driving over Point Ellice bridge at a pace faster than that required by law. He was fined $5 or in default five days. Achilles Medina was charged with vagrancy and was remanded until Friday morning.

—The committee in charge have completed arrangements for the social dance to be given by the Victoria Lodge, K. of P., in Castle Hall to-morrow evening. This dance was to have been held on March 1st, but owing to the festivities occasioned by the receipt of the news of Ladysmith's relief, was postponed.

—Chief of Police Langley has received a communication from Duncan Christie, of Cleveland, inquiring the whereabouts of his brother, William Christie, who left his home near Ottawa for Manitoba, British Columbia and Washington, and has not been heard from for five years. The chief is desirous that if Mr. Christie is in this part of the country he should communicate with him without delay.

—The Dawson Sun says the Canadian Development Co. are to be congratulated on the remarkable time they have made in handling the mails. One of the last trips made out by their men from Dawson to Bennett was made in five days four hours. "This, says the Sun, "with our telegraph connection means much to our merchants here, and we are no longer the isolated country we once were."

—See Basco and Rice, the peculiar comedians, Savoy to-night.

—"Who is Who," which will be presented at the Victoria theatre to-night, is full of the American fun of exaggeration, dash and repartee, with a genuine side slap at human nature now and then to serve as a garnishment to the dish. The company this season is said to be the strongest that has yet appeared in this amusing farce, and it is headed by those funny comic opera comedians, Pusey and St. John, and they are supported by a coterie of high-class vaudevillian stars.

—The date has been finally settled for the forthcoming festival performance of Handel's famous oratorio, "The Messiah," which is to be given by the Mayor and council and the citizens of Victoria in aid of the fund for widows and orphans and those disabled or in need through the war in South Africa. The oratorio will be given on Saturday and Monday, April 21st and 23rd. This will be one of the first performances given after the Lenten season. Nanaimo is sending down eighty of her singers to participate in the two performances.

—The adjourned general annual meeting of the Victoria branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held in St. Andrew's church to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, when among the business will be the election of officers and the consideration of reports dealing with the work performed by the local branch during the past year. The work of the parent society throughout the world will also be touched upon. A meeting of the executive of the society will be held in the pastor's study to consider the question of the appointment of a colporteur. At the general meeting among the speakers will be Rev. Mr. Speer, Rev. Dr. Wilson and Messrs. McMicking and Thornton Fell.

—A multigenerous aggrandizement of vaudeville at Savoy to-night.

—Last evening in Semple's Hall, the Victoria West Athletic Association gave their third concert in aid of their building fund. The chair was occupied by the Rev. W. D. Barber, who, in his introductory remarks, gave a brief outline of the plans of the association and also read a financial statement showing the amount of money collected as follows: Proceeds of first concert, $40; proceeds of supper and concert given by the ladies of Victoria West, $75; money pledged by friends, $190; amount of same collected, $90. The chairman also stated that a suitable building site had been arranged for and would be purchased shortly. The complete programme of the concert was as follows: Piano solo, Mr. F. Dresser; vocal solo, Mr. J. G. Brown; vocal solo, Miss Hilt; reading, Miss G. Andrews; instrumental duet, Messrs. C. and S. Merrifield; vocal solo, Miss Crocker; vocal duet, Messrs. Brown and Firth; recitation, Mr. A. W. Sample; instrumental duet, Messrs. Brooker and Fowler.

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Will Stand No Interference

Attorney-General Sharply Reprimands the Rossland Mayor and Magistrate.

Does Not Propose to have His Duties Assumed by Detective Agencies.

Text of the Correspondence Between the Department and Rossland Officials.

The following is the text of further correspondence which has passed between the Attorney-General and the Mayor and Magistrate of Rossland. It begins with the following letter from Police Magistrate Boultbee, in reply to the telegram of the Attorney-General published in the Times a few evenings since:

March 9th, 1900.

The Hon. the Attorney-General, Victoria, B. C.:

Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your telegram requesting me to advise you as to the circumstances which led to the swearing in of certain special constables, and in reply thereto I beg to say: About the 7th or 8th of February last I was waited on by the representatives of the Le Roi and War Eagle mining companies, who requested that some watchmen and special constables should be sworn in and alleging that there were a number of idle and vicious men about Rossland and that they were apprehensive that these men might attempt to destroy the property of their respective companies, and that already several things had happened which indicated that these idle men were more anxious to make trouble than to work. A quantity of powder had been stolen and one or two of the steel guys on the War Eagle smokestack had been loosened. It was also intimated that owing to repairs having to be made to machinery in the War Eagle, and the non-arrival of the Le Roi machinery it would be necessary in the near future to partially, if not wholly, close down the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star mines, and thus several hundred men would be thrown out of employment, to join the large number already unemployed. For these reasons it was urged by the managers of the above companies that it was most necessary and a wise precaution that the property about these mines should be afforded necessary protection. It was further pointed out and urged, that the city police force, numbering all told only six men, was not even sufficiently large to govern the city proper and give due protection to the property of citizens, let alone guarding the property of the several mining companies situate so far from the centre of the city. They further pointed out the situation of the machinery in the Centre Star, War Eagle, Le Roi, Black Bear and Josie mines, and the large area over which the machinery and buildings were situate, and how necessary it was to have a sufficient force of night watchmen or special constables to protect all this valuable property, and that without having men on duty to guard this property after night-fall how readily it could be interfered with or destroyed without the city police being aware of it. It was not from the Miners' Union as a Union that any trouble was feared—the Union are as a whole a most respectable body of men—but it is well known to the police that there are even at this moment in Rossland (and some of them under assumed names) men who took a prominent part in the late labor troubles in the Coeur d'Alene country. There were several of these people here until lately, but the majority of them have now left the city. The different mining companies of course pay these specials, so there is no expense to the city. You are no doubt well aware of the large tract of country covered by the machinery and buildings of the different mining companies, extending from the Black Bear to the Centre Star, and you can readily see that it would be quite impossible for the city police to do duty there.

I heard what the gentlemen, said also Mr. Daly, solicitor for the Le Roi, had to say, considered the matter until the following day, and after consultation with the mayor I thought I was doing right in granting their request.

I may say that the first of these specials was sworn in, I think, on the 9th or 10th of February, and the others on the few days following, and all some time before you took office again.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN BOULTBEE,
Police Magistrate.

Mayor Goodeve's explanation was as follows:

March 8th, 1900.

Hon. Joseph Martin, Attorney-General, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir: I did not think it wise to publish the message received from you to-day as it would certainly create a wrong impression on the outside public. There is no trouble anticipated here between mine owners and miners that I am aware of. The placing of a few specials at the mines was simply a precautionary measure in view of the fact that a large number of men were being laid off and their being idle might possibly cause some danger to property. The bankers and other independent persons consulted, concurred in this view.

Yours truly,
A. S. GOODEVE,
Mayor.

To the latter the Attorney-General replied in a telegram as follows:

March 12th, 1900.

Mayor Goodeve, Rossland.

Sir: Understand City of Rossland undertakes responsibility for special constables; think it very unfortunate such a course adopted; effect on administration of justice in province likely to be bad; would be glad to get full information by mail.

JOSEPH MARTIN,
Attorney-General.

This telegram was supplemented by the following letter:

March 14th, 1900.

His Worship, Mayor A. S. Goodeve, Rossland, B. C.

Sir: Yours of the 8th instant at hand. I wired you yesterday pointing out what great damage the action of the mine owners was likely to cause to the interests of this province. It is, in my opinion, utterly futile to try to keep an action of that kind from the public. It is quite impossible to have a number of armed men patrolling a portion of the City of Rossland without the public becoming aware of the fact, and, having become aware of it, it is absolutely necessary that an intelligible explanation should be offered for a circumstance of that serious nature. I feel that no action of that kind ought to be taken at any time in this province without previous consultation with this department. I certainly, as long as I am Attorney-General, will not allow any attempt in this province to interfere with the administration of justice through "American detective agencies. This is a practice which has grown up on the other side, and which has been productive of a great deal of harm there. It appears to me to be absolutely necessary to take active measures to prevent it being attempted in this province.

I only learned yesterday that the city authorities assumed responsibility for what occurred at the mines. I shall insist upon that responsibility being understood by the public at large, and hope that some sufficient reason can be produced for what seems to me your most unfortunate action under the circumstances. If the mine owners had any reason to apprehend violence being done to their property, they should have communicated with this department. The same thing applies to the City of Rossland. If at any time any municipality anticipates any trouble which would require such an unusual display of force, it would appear to me most proper that they should at once notify this department in order that we might work in harmony with them to afford the protection to property which we are bound by the law to give. If, on the other hand, any attempt is made by any person to frighten the public by demonstrations of this kind, not for the purpose of protecting property, and not from any bona fide fear of violence, but for an ulterior motive, such an attempt should meet with no countenance from those who are entrusted with the administration of justice in the province.

JOSEPH MARTIN,
Attorney-General.

The following telegram was received from the provincial constable at Rossland:

Rossland, B.C., March 13, 1900.

Attorney-General, Victoria, B.C.:

Enquiry shows that a number of special constables are employed around mining property within city limits under superintendence of city officials, and have not acted illegally.

WM. H. BULLOCK-WEBSTER.

To the magistrate the following letter was dispatched:

Victoria, March 14, 1900.

John Boultbee, Esq., Police Magistrate, Rossland, B.C.:

Sir,—Yours of the 9th instant at hand. There is no objection whatever to the mining companies employing whatever watchmen they may wish. When it comes to a question of special constables, who are to be armed, then the matter is a very different one. It seems to me that you should have at once notified this department as to what had occurred, and I was surprised to find when the matter was brought to my attention that, while these special constables had been sworn in by you, there was no knowledge of the fact in this department.

I consider it the duty of the government to protect property, and I think the proper course for the mine owners to have pursued was to have brought the state of affairs referred to by you to the attention of the government. So far as I am concerned, in the position of Attorney-General, I do not intend to allow the administration of justice to be carried on by American detective agencies.

I think that this circumstance has been very unfortunate indeed, and is likely to much prejudice the administration of justice in the province. The point made by you as to the expense, to my mind, is of no importance whatever; it is the duty of the government to protect property, without any regard whatever to the question of expense. No doubt the administration of justice is committed to a large extent to a city when incorporated, but at all times this department is responsible, and no step of such a serious nature as this should be taken by any magistrate or any city municipality without first notifying and obtaining the advice of this department.

I hope this is the last occasion that in this province it will be necessary to deal with an attempt to influence matters through armed men furnished by detective agencies in the manner so much practised and very much to be deplored in the republic to the south of us.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOS. MARTIN,
Attorney-General.

—No. 3 Company parade as usual at the Drill Hall at 8 o'clock this evening.

—The congregation of Emmanuel Baptist church will hold a business meeting this evening.

—A meeting of the members of the old Victoria lacrosse club is called for this evening in Mr. Morton's parlor over the Garrack's Head, Bastion street, for the purpose of reorganization.

—Imperial Restaurant, cor. Douglas and View streets; special Lent dishes

—Yesterday afternoon operations were commenced in the tearing down of the old building on the corner of Broad and View streets for the erection of the brick structure for Mr. P. C. Macgregor. This morning the entire building was torn to the ground, and workmen have been busily engaged throughout the afternoon in removing the debris.

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THE PASSING THRONG.

Arrivals of the Day at the City Hotels—Gossip of the Corridors.

Capt. John Irving has returned from a visit to Seattle. While on the Sound the captain told of his plans for cheaper transportation facilities for the Atlin mining district. His plans involve the construction of a three-mile railroad over the portage from Atlin lake to Taku arm. This road will cost $30,000 cash, and its promoter purposes to have it in operation by the middle of June. He believes it will be the means of solving the Atlin transportation problem in such a way as to enable the quartz product of that district to be shipped to Puget Sound smelters for treatment. The ore will be transported over the railroad and on the lake steamers Gleaner, Scotia and Ruth to Bennett, thence across by the White Pass & Yukon railway to Lynn Canal, and there loaded on ocean steamers. Last year it cost $6 a ton to transport freight over the portage, and Capt. Irving says the railroad will make it possible to transport ore and other freight for such a rate clear to Bennett. It will, he thinks, result in the establishment of an innumerable number of stamp mills in the district during the coming summer. "All that is needed to demonstrate that Atlin is a rich district," Capt. Irving said, "is to bring about cheaper and quicker transportation. Our line will be operated in conjunction with the White Pass & Yukon." Capt. Irving is buying machinery and equipment needed in connection with his enterprise in Puget Sound cities. He recently closed a big contract with the Sumner iron works of Everett.

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T. G. Duncan, of Nelson, B. C., is among the late arrivals at the Dominion. He says the coming summer will be a very busy one and times will be good in Nelson, notwithstanding the depression of this winter in the upper country. A great many buildings are in course of erection and the paving of streets will give work to a great many.

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E. A. Wood, Geo. Adams, and H. Roy, of New Westminster, J. H. Gordon and F. W. Welsh, C. A. Bell and P. Wallace of Vancouver arrived by last night's steamer from the Mainland to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W. They are at the Victoria.

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D. E. Weber, R. H. Macaulay, F. L. Budlong and A. E. Lees, of Vancouver, T. G. Kerr, of Ladners, and H. Ferguson, of Port Haney, were among last night's arrivals at the Dominion.

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Judge G. Colvig, of Jacksonville, Or., arrived by the Victorian to attend the session of the A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge. He is at the Victoria.

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Mrs. H. O. Allan, of Queen's College, London, has taken up her residence in this city, and it is her intention to open a series of art classes here.

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Dr. W. A. de Wolf Smith, of New Westminster, is at the Driard. He is here to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W.

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A cablegram received by H. Dallas Helmcken announces the arrival of Mrs. Helmcken and the Misses Goodwin in Paris.

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Bert St. John and wife, C. Pusey and wife, and several other members of "Who Is Who" Co., are at the Victoria.

S. E. Siddall, of Trail, is at the Dominion. He comes down to attend the session of the A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge.

H. C. Ewing, of Seattle, and Edward F. Ross, of Newark, N. Y., are among to-day's arrivals at the Driard.

J. F. Whitney, of Berlin, Ont., and F. W. Westren, of Toronto, both commercial men, are at the Driard.

Court Stenographer Gilbert is taking his holidays. His position is being supplied by Q. D. H. Warden.

G. A. Peasted and wife, of Seattle, are at the Dominion. They are spending a vacation in this city.

L. S. R. Wood, of Port Renfrew, is at the Dominion. He intends leaving for the north shortly.

Mrs. Walsh of Vancouver is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steers of Vancouver street.

D. Carmody was a passenger from the Sound by the Victorian this morning.

J. A. Sayward returned from the Sound by the Victorian this morning.

G. Drayson, of the Seattle Transfer Co., is at the Dominion.

G. Longe, of Tacoma, is a guest at the Victoria.

W. Brotchie, of Alert Bay, is at the Queen's.

C. W. Jayne, of Seattle, is at the Victoria.

—Lovers of music will be delighted to know that the choir of the Metropolitan Methodist church, assisted by other talent with chorus and orchestra of 100 performers, will put on the sacred oratorio "Christ and His Soldiers" on Good Friday evening, April 13th.

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LICENSE BOARD MEETING

Is Being Held This Afternoon—List of Applications.

The regular quarterly meeting of the board of licensing commissioners, consisting of Mayor Hayward, Ald. Stewart and Mr. J. B. Lovell, is being held this afternoon. There are eleven applications up for their consideration, but it is doubtful whether more than half a dozen will be dealt with, as the remainder were not submitted according to the time required by the regulations—a fortnight prior to the session.

The applications are as follows:

Royal saloon, Fort street—For transfer of license from Alf. Kendall to John Barrett.

Adolphi saloon, Government street—For a transfer of license from Henry Harris to William Roberts.

Dallas hotel, Dallas road—For a transfer of license from Wm. Jensen to Marion Walt.

The above applications were referred over from the last quarterly session, and the following come under the head of new business:

Clarence hotel saloon, Yates and Douglas streets—For a transfer of license from James R. Adam and John D. Skinner to Harry Harris.

Bee Hive saloon, Fort street—For transfer of license from Patrick Burke to Dennis Gray.

Telegraph hotel, Store street—For transfer from Fred. Sturm to John Colglazier.

Royal saloon, Fort street—For transfer from Alf. Kendall to Fred. Weldon and Jno. Healy.

North Pacific saloon, Wharf street—For transfer from Chas. Richard Lawson to the Vernon block to Forbes George Vernon.

Occidental hotel saloon, Wharf street—For transfer from Walter Porter to Alexis Ziokovic.

Hotel Victoria saloon—For transfer from J. C. Voss and Edward Leason to Ed. Leason.

Caledonia saloon—Harry Maynard, for temporary transfer to No. 1 Store street, during the rebuilding of the said saloon.

—The council of the Board of Trade will hold a meeting in their rooms on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

—The regular meeting of the board of directors of the Jubilee Hospital will be held in the Board of Trade rooms this evening.

—Chenoweth and Thatcher, America's foremost artists, Savoy, to-night.

—P. C. Macgregor effected a sale yesterday of Architect A. C. Ewart's residence on upper Pandora avenue, the consideration being $1,600. It is Mr. Ewart's intention to take up his residence in Nelson in the near future.

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LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. Justice Martin this morning gave judgment in Tate v. Henessy, setting aside the order for service of the writ out the jurisdiction.

The Full court has given judgment dismissing the crown's appeal against Mr. Justice Drake's decision as to the amount of succession duty to be paid by the Todd estate.

In Yates and Corporation of Victoria v. the B. C. Electric Railway Co., Mr. Justice Drake this morning delivered judgment, dismissing the action with costs. This was the action brought to compel the company to run its line out the Douglas street extension.

THE STOCK MARKET.

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New York, March 14.—The following are the closing quotations on the Stock Exchange: American Sugar, 102⅝; C. B. & Q., 125⅜; C. M. & St. P., 123⅛; Manhattan, 93⅝; People's Gas, 96⅝; American Tobacco, 105⅞; C. R. I. & P., 108⅝; Atchison pfd., 67⅞; Union Pacific pfd., 74⅝; T. C. & I., 93; Atchison com., 23⅛; Louisville & Nashville, 81⅝; B. R. T., 68; Union Pacific com., 49⅝; American Steel & Wire com., 56; money loaning at 5½ per cent.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, March 14.—The following are the closing quotations on the Board of Trade: Wheat, 69⅝; Corn, 37⅝; Pork, $11.05; Liverpool Wheat, 5s 9d.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Islander from Vancouver—J Garden, P Wallace, R Rowan, Mrs Robertson, A M Bullock, Geo Adams, P Fisher, W Smith, J G Pearson, Mrs Pearson, E H Johnson, H Donovan, A E Lees, H Ferguson, Mrs Wolfenden, D C Weber, A E Woods, A H McBride, R H Macaulay, F W Welch, F L Budlong, H Hoy, W H Cowper, H J Kirkland, C A Bell, T W Ker.

Per steamer Victorian from the Sound—E C Turner, Wm Coldg, E A Mock, Gus Lange, L Sarini, R E Darin, J W Spencer, C W Joynt, C S Stonman, P Starley, R A Penrig, D Carmody, J A Sayward and wife, W Isted, H C Ewing, E F Rose, S Brinker, C C Maning, L E Siddell, O A Tucker, Mr Husey and wife, Mr St Jones, and wife, Miss Tangney, Mr Prince and wife, Miss Miller and sister, F W Stair and wife, Whitney Sisters, Mr Welsh and wife, Mr Cherry and wife, C Patterson, J Deasin, C M Lebarge, D Hopkins, Mary Watson, Ray Harris, H K Whitney, G M Parsons, Dr Foster, Mr Meyers.

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DIED.

MCLUGHAN—On the 10th inst., at St. Mary's Hospital, New Westminster, William McLughan, aged 64 years, a native of Belfast, Ireland.

TAYLOR—At Vancouver, on March 12th, John Honeyman Taylor, aged 30 years.

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Mining News

Rossland Camp.

The Rossland Miner in its weekly mining review says: In mining circles the last week has been the quietest one that Rossland has witnessed for many a long day. The Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star were all practically closed down. The two last named entirely and at the Le Roi only about 20 men are at work. The shipments of ore remain normal, only some 124 tons being sent out. In closing down the three big mines mentioned the managers stated that the step was necessary for repairs and that by the middle of the month they would be working away as usual with a combined force of 400 men. The situation has been accepted, so far as the men are concerned, and the camp generally is quietly awaiting developments. Meantime the looked for machinery is arriving and a great deal of surface improvements are being gone on with. At the close of the week the Giant property on Red Mountain was closed down and all the men paid off. The superintendent merely states that the close down is the result of orders received from the company's headquarters in Spokane. It is stated that nothing further will be done at the Giant until the 1st of next month, when work will be resumed, but no further explanation is forthcoming from the company.

The ore shipments for the week ending March 10 and year to date, are given in detail as follows:

	Week. Tons.	Year. Tons.
Le Roi		12,443.5
War Eagle		10,603
Centre Star		7,017.5
Iron Mask	94.5	1,434.5
Evening Star	30	150
I. X. L.		153.5
Monte Christo		273
Giant		42
Total tons	124.5	32,126

California.—One car load of the machinery of the 10-drill compressor plant arrived on Saturday, and a portion of it was hauled to the property. Another car load is en route, and is expected to come to hand in a few days. When all the machinery starts there will be a large number of men employed on the California, as the intention of the management is to push the development on a comprehensive scale. At present the work is confined to the tunnel, which is being extended.

Le Roi.—The necessary repairs to the hoisting gear on the main shaft are nearly completed. It is expected that by the 15th instant work will be resumed, and a force of about 200 men will be employed.

Evening Star.—Drifting is in progress on the lowel level; 160 feet of drifting has been done since December 18. The showing of ore is increasing. A car load of ore is sent to the smelter each week. This is taken out in the course of the development work. The ore, according to the smelter returns, goes $24 to the ton.

The Centre Star.—In order to make necessary changes in the machinery, the Centre Star has closed down during the past week, but it is expected that work will be resumed again as usual this week.

Jumbo.—Superintendent Stickney, of the Jumbo, reports that the property is looking well. The tunnel on the 450-foot level is in for a distance of 450 feet, and the lodge has been drifted on for a distance of 250 feet. There is a good showing of ore on this level.

Cascade.—The tunnel on the Cascade has been driven in for a distance of 100 feet. There is a three-foot chute of free milling ore in the tunnel which averages $20 to the ton. The intention is to keep up the operations on this property.

I.X.L.—Drifting on the lower level along the vein continues. There is a good showing of ore. Two car loads of ore are being loaded, and will be forwarded to Northport during the early part of the week.

Nickel Plate.—The main shaft at the Nickel Plate is now down 75 feet below the 400-foot level, and further sinking is in progress.

Columbia-Kootenay.—Sinking from the station in the No. 6 tunnel of the Columbia-Kootenay is in progress, and the shaft is now down nearly 100 feet. Upraising from No. 6 tunnel to the higher levels is also in progress.

Norway Mountain.—Work continues in the shaft which has reached a depth of five feet.—There is a showing of four feet of ore in the shaft, which averages $24 to the ton. The ore is free milling.

Green Mountain.—Work continues on the shaft, which has reached a depth of abount 310 feet. There continues to be a good showing of ore in the shaft.

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There free performances at government playhouses—the Opera, Opera Comique, the Theatre Francais, and the Odeon—present one of the most remarkable spectacles of up-to-date Paris. They take place regularly on the various great fete days of the year, and cost heavily in breakages and cleaning up. They are no newer than the idea of Socialism itself. Ancient Rome offered free spectacles at the Colosseum to its citizens, just as it made gratuitous distributions of wheat.

The "people" pay a good part of the taxes, and the subventioned playhouses of Paris take a good slice of the public revenue. Therefore it is just. It is an attractive sight to see the riff-raff tumbling into the great monument of the third Empire's greatest effort—individuals of every age and both sexes, of all conditions, with their bottles and their bundles, eager to enjoy for a few hours the splendors and luxury belonging to their betters. Some of them sit all night upon the steps, and all the morning of the day itself, to be in time to occupy "the Royal box" or the loge of the Jockey Club. Then they strew orange peel upon the floor. The character of the crowd depends much on the weather. If the long waiting must be done in the wet, tramps will abound, but if the day is fine the crowd will be of a more definite social situation—clerks, workingmen and all the little bourgeoisie. But the head of the string will be composed of speculating loafers, with no music in their souls. They are there to sell their place for three francs. A mother and three daughters coming late—an hour or so before the opening of the doors—will squeeze their way into the place of one of them. It is the custom, and nobody protests. When the doors open

The Great "Push" Rolls

into the aristocratic vestibule like a tidal wave. Out of thoughtful delicacy the entrance to the cheapest seats to the Paris Opera is by way of the great stairway. There is no side entrance for the gallery gods. Well, such is the force of habit that a great crowd always starts to rush up those four flights, when the best seats of the orchestra are waiting for them. The ordinary odor of a Paris opera night is that of femininity and perfumes, but when the populace has gained possession the smell is of ham, wine, oranges, and peppermint. Those who got into boxes, and there are many boxes in the Paris Opera—spread their table. A quart bottle of red wine for each individual, plenty of cold ham and chicken, with bread and cheese and fruit, is thought to be a model lunch. The great orchestra is in its place. Three heavy thumps on the stage floor, distinct and dignified, are heard behind the curtain. It is the old way of announcing that the show is to begin. Then rise, in a great crash of harmony, the stirring strains of the Republic's "Marseillaise." Three thousand citizens spring to their feet. They know the words by heart, and 3,000 voices chant them solemnly, then fervently, then deliriously. The yelling and the stamping last five minutes. Then the footlights flare up. The chef d'orchtre waves his stick, and "Faust" or any other old favorite, unfolds its long, melodious tale, which the poor Parisians thoroughly enjoy.

The Brilliant Nights

are the subscription nights, when the orchestra chairs are filled with clubmen—subscribers. The "great world" in the boxes are subscribers, and as these pay 10,000 or 15,000 francs a year, and the black coats in the orchestra pay scarce 2,000, it is only just that there should be more chat around the circle of the boxes. Of course they do not really own the boxes, and have but the right to occupy them on these set nights. If the British tourist can get in one of them he should congratulate himself, and his wife and daughter, too. For the tourist thus advantageously situated, the curtain rises on the old favorite operas he has always known, because the annual failures are soon taken off the stage. The purest pleasure of the solitary outsider comes, perhaps, with the long entr'actes, when he may hasten out into the long and noble portico of the second floor, pillared like a temple, beautiful with bronzes, where the hot, perfumed air sweeps out to meet the breezes of the night, and when the soul is soothed by cigarettes and the soft-lighted vista of the Avenue de l'Opera. Or, lounging along the marble stairway, wide enough for a regiment to pass, study the strange beauty of green granite, and red granite, marbles white and yellow, porphyry and brocatelle. It is a stairway 42 feet wide till it divides to curve in circles. Marble columns grouped in pairs rise to the height of the third floor. The frescoes represent the gods of Olympus. Ladies in their opera cloaks feel a strange flutter of delight as they poise at the top of it before descending with a graceful, aristocratic deliberation. They know it makes a splendid frame to set them off. A poor man always feels rich on the stairway of the Paris Opera.

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Provincial News.

ASHCROFT.

Hon. C. A. Semlin returned to his home on Wednesday. He looks well and seems to be in good spirits.

ROSEBERY.

Dr. Brouse, of New Denver, has returned from Nakusp where Mrs. McCulley, who had smallpox, is now convalescing. So far no new cases have developed at Nakusp.

SANDON.

A landslide occurred here at noon on Sunday, demolishing six houses. Wm. McLeod, missing, is supposed to be under the ruins. Mrs. Harry Nash, Mrs. W. Fogg and Mr. Lovatt are seriously injured. Several others are slightly injured.

ROSSLAND.

The following officers of the Miners' Union were elected to office for the ensuing year during the past week: President, A. L. Huston; vice-president, Arthur Pendray; financial secretary, James Devine; recording secretary, William Willan; treasurer, Walter Preston; conductor, Charles Miller; warden, Cass Davis; trustees, James Devine, A. L. Houston, H. E. Abell, Chris Foley and Edward King.

Mr. C. O. Lalonde, the new president of the Board of Trade, will probably go to Vancouver to try and induce the board of fire underwriters to reduce the exorbitant insurance rates now in force in Rossland. The City Council has already sent in a written protest to Vancouver, but beyond acknowledging the receipt of the communication, the fire insurance board has taken no action in the matter.

Mr. E. C. Hall, an operator at the Canadian Pacific telegraph office, died suddenly at 4 o'clock on Saturday morning. On Friday evening he was apparently in good health and spirits. An autopsy was held by Dr. Senior and this revealed that the cause of death was a very large cerebral hemorrhage, which was the result of Bright's disease of the kidneys of long standing. The fatal hemorrhage was probably directly superinduced by the violent fit of vomiting with which he was attacked early on Friday evening. Mr. Hall was 37 years old, and a native of Jamestown, N.Y. Previous to coming to the West he learned telegraphy and worked as an operator in a number of places.

VANCOUVER.

Herbert Loane, who died at St. Paul's hospital on Sunday from the result of an accident at the Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Co.'s mill at Hastings, was only twenty-nine years of age. He came to Vancouver from his home in Bathurst about four months ago. What makes the affair particularly sad is the fact that at the time of the accident and death, Mrs. Loane, who has been married little over a year, was ill in bed.

D. G. Macdonell returned from Seattle on Sunday where he was engaged with Theo. Ludgate making certain alterations to the Deadman's Island lease so that it might meet with the approval of those who had opposed the Deadman's Island mill on the grounds that the lease did not safeguard the city's interests.

Mr. A. C. Fraser, the well-known logger, leaves on the steamer Coquitlam today with a gang of 20 men for his camp at Adams river, about 130 miles up the Coast. Mr. Fraser has already about the same number of men at the camp that he took up on January 2nd.

The two Indians, charged with cannibalistic practices, will be tried on the 17th of next month.

But four men of the Sixth presented themselves as applicants for garrison duty at Halifax.

The minister of Zion church advises his congregation to resist compulsory vaccination.

At Monday night's meeting of the City Council Ald. McQueen introduced, Ald. McGuigan seconding, a by-law for the raising by loan of $80,000 for new schools. The by-law was read a first time. Ald. McGuigan's new cemetery by-law was also read a first time. Ald. Wood thought that while they were at it they should have by-laws for the reconstruction of two fire halls, Nos. 1 and 2. These were badly in need of renewal.

Capt. R. Henderson, formerly of the bark Errol, has decided to establish his school of marine instruction in Vancouver.

The sad death took place on Monday morning of Mr. John Honeyman Taylor, aged 30 years. The deceased arrived here only a few weeks ago, having been engaged in the woollen manufacture in Prince Edward Island.

Duncan McPherson was yesterday sentenced to 18 months for burglarizing Petersby's store on Cordova street.

The Board of Trade last night elected F. Buscomb president by acclamation, E. F. Burns, vice-president, and W. T. Stein secretary. The board decided to endorse the petition of the Atlin board asking the White Pass railway for better facilities.

The Bishop of New Westminster held an ordination in Christ church on Sunday morning, when H. W. L. Laffere, B.A., and D. Davies Moore, M.A., B.D., were ordained to the diaconate. The sermon was preached by Archdeacon Pentreath, D.D., who presented the candidates. Mr. Laffere is a graduate of the Royal University of Ireland, and has been some years in British Columbia. He has lately been teaching at West Burnaby school, Central Park. Mr. Moore was recently superintendent of the Chinese missions for the Methodist church. He is a native of Nova Scotia, and cousin of Sir Louis Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. The Rev. Mr. Laffere will engage in mission work at Langley, and the Rev. Mr. Moore will take similar work in the neighborhood of this city.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Fourth street, between Royal and Queen's avenues, seems to have suffered more than any other thoroughfare during the recent heavy rain. A considerable stream of water took this street as its course, and cut a deep serpentine channel into the hard roadway. The street is therefore now closed for traffic.

Damage to the extent of $1,000 was caused in T. A. Muir's drug store on Columbia street during the early hours of Sunday morning by the bursting of a water-pipe in the upstairs of the Ellard block. Medicines of all kinds and descriptions were soaked with water and destroyed, as was also the handsome hand painting on the walls and ceiling.

At St. Mary's Hospital on Saturday night, at 11 o'clock, the death occurred of William McClughan. The deceased was born in Belfast, Ireland, in May, 1835, and with several others came to Canada in 1852. He settled in Toronto, where he was married four years later and established and carried on a flourishing plumbing business until 1883, when he decided to come to British Columbia. He took up land in Surrey, and lived there for years, finally selling out and moving to this city, where he had since resided. His wife predeceased him a little over a year ago, and the old gentleman never rallied from the shock. He leaves four sons to mourn his loss, William, a resident of Centralia, Washington; Robert, at Kamloops; Andrew, at Greenwood; and John, residing here. He also leaves one brother, Samuel McClughan, residing at Langley.

NELSON.

At a full meeting of the quarterly official board of the Methodist church, held last week, there was a good report given of the church work, showing everything to be in first-class condition, financially and otherwise. The board also gave Rev. J. Robson, B. A., a cordial invitation to continue as their pastor for the third year, which was accepted.

Everybody connected with the Nelson Gas & Coke Works was working likebees at the works on Thursday when the gas was being pumped through the mains.

The party of visiting C. P. R. officials went over the ground about the C. P. R. depot on Thursday and determined on the programme for the immediate future.

William Whyte, manager of lines west of Fort Williams, said: "We have decided to proceed with the improvements to the company's property in Nelson at once. The plans for the work are almost completed, and ground will be broken as soon as these are finished. The new depot will be located at the intersection of Baker and Slocan streets, and in the rearrangement of the yards the main line track will be run around just in front of the building. On the rising ground west of the present depot the new freight sheds will be located. Further toward the lake will be a roundhouse and machine house, with coal bunkers in the immediate vicinity. The rearranged yards will contain some three miles of track, and the estimated outlay for grading is $30,000."

Frank Delaney, former freight clerk at Robson, was brought to the general hospital on Friday suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis. Captain George Robertson of the steamer Lytton was also brought in from Robson to the hospital.

The construction of the hospital at Nine-mile point was commenced on Friday, the Nelson Saw & Planing Mills, Limited, supplying the material. The building will be 60 by 40 feet, as already stated, and will be equipped with 40 beds. Dr. F. J. Ewing will have a staff of nurses on duty after the premises are completed.

William Gooding, who was employed as a driver by the Nelson Soda Water Factory was arrested in Northport on Thursday, charged with uttering a forged check. Gooding had been given a check signed to Mr. N. M. Cummins, lessee of the factory, which he had cashed at Brown & Co.'s store on Baker street. A short while afterward he came back with another check for $30, purporting to be signed by Mr. Cummins, and had that cashed. He then disappeared from town.—Miner.

GRAND FORKS.

A Liberal Association was formed at a meeting of Grand Forks Liberals held on Wednesday when the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, there is now an application pending before the parliament of Canada for the incorporation of the Kettle River Railway Co., and

"Whereas, the incorporation and construction of the said railway would conduce largely to the development of the Boundary section of British Columbia and to the province in general, and

"Whereas, by the construction of and operation of the railway many valuable mines on the American side of the international boundary would find it in their interest to smelt their ore in the Kettle River valley at Grand Forks, or some other convenient point, and since the existence and immense wealth of the said mines is desired, a huge smelting industry would spring into operation and an immense impetus would thereby be given to the general development of the large natural resources of this section of the province, and in the consequent rapid accumulation of wealth; be it therefore

"Resolved by this association that Hewitt Bostock, M. P., the representative of this constituency at Ottawa, be urged to press upon the attention of the government and the parliament of Canada in the strongest possible manner the urgent necessity for the granting of the said incorporation in order to secure the development of the smelting industry in this country for the treatment, not only of Canadian ores, but of American as well, thereby giving employment to hundreds of men, and, as we believe, making the Kettle River valley an international smelting point, second, in a short time, to none in the world; and it is further

"Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier; Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways, and Hewett Bostock, M. P."

The officers elected were as follows: R. A. Dickson, president; Fred. Wolleston and Dr. Lambert, first and second vice-president respectively; L. P. Eckstein, secretary; P. Donaldson, assistant secretary; Hugh Sweeney, treasurer; executive committee, P. T. McCallum, A. Waugh, G. T. Park, J. Hill and Jos. Hill.

Good progress is being made in the work of developing the Hartford claim in Wellington camp. The incline shaft on the lead has been sunk to a depth of 95 feet, showing 39 inches of ore all the way down, and when it has been sunk five feet further it is the intention to crosscut to catch three other leads. These are three, four and six feet respectively, when opened up on the surface, and are expected to have increased in size when further depth is attained. As soon as these edges are tapped a short time will elapse before regular shipments are made to the Grand Forks smelter.

The imports entered at the Grand Forks custom house last month amounted to $89,669, and the duty collected thereon was $11,410.

BABY'S OWN SOAP

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COMMUNICATIONS

THOSE ARMED MEN.

To the Editor:—I see in yesterday's Times that Thiel's detectives are armed and keeping guard at Rossland mines. There is no trouble there; if there was trouble, the government is competent to deal with it without the help of any agencies. These companies must learn, and at once, that the government will not be intimidated, but will enforce law and order. We have seen too much of detective agencies' work, viz., in the United States, at Homestead and Chicago. Let Thiel's detectives know that their services are not required in Canada. We do not want bloodshed. Let the law be enforced, or the Rossland mining companies will find out what Paul Kruger has, that the Canadians, like the English, cannot be bluffed.

D. F.

March 13th, 1900.

THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

To the Editor:—I notice in your issue of Saturday an editorial re the lack of dividends from the only government railway in Canada; the I. C. R. I have heard many similar comments in the West, showing that the people here do not appreciate the advantage which the I. C. R. has been to Canada as a whole. Did any one ever hear of any dividends from any government experimental farms in Canada? There are a number of such farms, but I have never heard much talk about the dividends from them. Well, Mr. Editor, every railway man from the Maritime provinces knows that the I. C. R. is (or was) in exactly the same relation to the people of Canada as an experimental farm. The I. C. R. tested dozens upon dozens of car couplers until the best was found, which was then adopted by the other railways in Canada. The I. C. R. experimented with several different systems of electric lighting for passenger coaches, also heating apparatus for coaches; the I. C. R. proved which was the best of dozens of different rail fasteners, semaphores, switches, rails, culverts, bridges, and in a hundred other ways did the experimental work for the other railways of Canada; and to-day has the best passenger coaches, the best roadbed, and makes the fastest time of any railway in Canada, with the minimum of casualties. The people of Canada as a whole (not merely those of the Maritime provinces) have benefited by the I. C. R. to an extent which very few outside of railway men have the slightest idea. Now, sir, under these circumstances, are cash dividends to be expected? Again, the I. C. R. was not built for the amount of cash which could be wrung out of the country for the benefit of the stockholders, but for the accommodation of the people, and those who have worked on or have lived alongside of it and then moved to other parts of Canada can fully appreciate which, government or private ownership of railways, is the greatest benefit to the people who live in the country. And many of them are doubtless pleased to see that our present federal government have stopped to a great extent experimenting with the people's money for the benefit of other railways, and have extended the system.

Now, Mr. Editor, I would have liked to have seen this phase of the railway question put by an abler pen than mine, but cannot resist the temptation to say something on this side, as I have heard so many speak slightingly about the I. C. R. and its annual deficit. Throwing myself on your tender mercy, I remain,

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Placer Mining Claims in the Yukon Territory.

Notice is hereby given that all of the placer mining claims, whole and fractional, the property of the Crown, in the Yukon Territory, will be offered for sale at public auction at Dawson, by the Gold Commissioner, on the 2nd day of July, 1900.

Twenty per cent. of the purchase money shall be paid to the Gold Commissioner at Dawson on the day of sale and the remainder within thirty days from that date.

There will be no restriction as to the number of claims which may be sold to any one person or Company holding a Free Miner's certificate; but no hydraulic claims will be included in the sale.

So soon as the purchase money has been paid in full, entries for the claims will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the placer mining regulations then in force, with the exception of the provision as to the staking out of claims, and the claims sold shall thereafter be subject to the placer mining regulations.

A survey of the claims sold will be made by the Department at as early a date as possible, and the claims shall include ground the Government Surveyor may define by survey in accordance with such Regulations as may be made in that behalf, and the decision of the Gold Commissioner shall in respect thereof be final and conclusive.

In case for any reason it is deemed impossible by the Gold Commissioner to give title and possession to any claim disposed of at such auction sale, the Gold Commissioner will refund the deposit paid at the time of sale, and no claim shall lie against the Crown in respect to failure to give title or possession.

A second auction under the conditions above set forth, will be held at Dawson on the 2nd day of August, 1900, of all claims not disposed of at the auction sale of the 2nd July, 1900, and of any other claims which have in the meantime become the property of the Crown under the regulations in that behalf.

PERLEY G. KEYES,
Secretary.

Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, 21st February, 1900.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the matter of an application for duplicates of the Certificates of Title to Lots one hundred and twenty-six (126) and one hundred and twenty-eight (128), Lake Hill Estate (Map 180), Victoria and Lake Districts.

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		BY C. P. RAILWAY.		
Daily, ex Sun	Midnig't	Eastern Canada and points in B. C. on		
Sunday	10:30pm	main line C. P. R.	Daily	7:00pm
Daily	Midnig't	Fort Steele, Fernie, Cranbrook, Moyie and points on Crow's Nest Railway	Daily	7:00pm
Daily	Midnig't	Robson, Waneta, Burton, Arrowhead, Trail	Daily	7:00pm
Sun, Wed	Midnig't	Thomson's Landing, Trout Lake	Tu, Thu, Sat	7:00pm
Saturday	Midnig't	Pice Valley	Tu, Thu, Sat	7:00pm
Mo, We, Sa	Midnig't	Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton	Su, We, Fri	7:00pm
Mo, We, Sa	Midnig't	Fairview, Osoyoos, Keremeos, White Lake	Su, We, Fri	7:00pm
Tu, Fri	Midnig't	Nicola Lake and points in Nicola Valley	Sun, Wed	7:00pm
Tuesday	Midnig't	Granite Creek, Princeton	Sunday	7:00pm
Mon, Thu	Midnig't	Grande Prairie, Falkland		7:00pm
5	Midnig't	Louis Creek	2	7:00pm
Saturday	Midnig't	Barkerville, Quesnelle, Chilcoten, and points in Cariboo	Wednesday	7:00pm
Mo, We, Sa	Midnig't	Clinton, Cache Creek	Su, We, Fri	7:00pm
Wed, Sat	Midnig't	Lillooet, Pavilion	Su, We, Fri	7:00pm
		Pemberton Meadows	10	7:00pm
Daily, ex Sat	Midnig't	Huntingdon, Abbotsford	Daily	7:00pm
Tu, Fri	Midnig't	Aldergrove, Shortreed, Otter, Peardonville	Tu, Fri	7:00pm
Mo, We, Fri	Midnig't	Mount Lehman, Langley Prairie, Glenwood	Tu, Thu, Sat	7:00pm
		BY NEW WESTMINSTER & SOUTHERN RAILWAY.		
Sunday	11:00pm	Cloverdale, Nicomekl, Port Kells	Su, We, Fri	7:00pm
Tu, Thu	Midnig't	Cloverdale, Nicomekl, Port Kells		
Sunday	11:00pm	Clayton, Hall's Prairie	We, Fri	7:00pm
Tuesday	Midnig't	Clayton, Hall's Prairie		
Sunday	11:00pm	Hazelmere	Sun, We	7:00pm
Thursday	Midnig't	Hazelmere		
Tu, Thu	Midnig't	Elgin, Surrey Centre, Mud Bay	Tu, Sat	7:00pm
Tuesday	Midnig't	Tinehead	Sunday	7:00pm
Sunday	11:00pm	Clover Valley	Mo, Fri	7:00pm
Tuesday	Midnig't	Clover Valley		
		BY B. & N. RAILWAY.		
Daily, ex Sun	8:30am	Nanaimo, Wellington and points on R'y	Daily, ex Sun	11:40am
Mo, We, Fri	8:30am	Shopland	Tu, Th, Sa	11:40am
Mo, We, Fri	8:30am	Cowichan	Mo, We, Fri	11:40am
Tu, Thu, Sat	8:30am	Westholme	Tu, Th, Sa	11:40am
Saturday	8:30am	Kuper Island	Saturday	11:40am
Wed, Sat	8:30am	Milnstream	We, Sat	11:40am
Tu, Fri	8:30am	Alberni, Nanoose Bay, Parksville, Erring-ton, French Creek, Beaver Creek	Tu, Fri	11:40am
Tuesday	8:30am	Cumberland, Comox, Courtenay, Grantham, Sandwick, Hornby Island, Denman Isld	Tu, Sat	11:40am
			Saturday	11:40am
		BY V. & S. RAILWAY.		
Daily, ex Sat	Midnig't	Sidney, North Saanich, Turgoose	Daily, ex Sur	10:15am
Mo, Thu	Midnig't	Young	Tu, Fri	10:15am
		BY STEAMER.		
Daily, ex Sun	Midnig't	Vancouver, New Westminster, Mt. Pleasant, Moodyville, Stevveston, Eburne, Terra Nova, Ladner	Daily	7:00pm
Sunday	10:30pm			
Sunday	10:30pm	New Westminster, Ladner, Port Guichon,		
Tu, Thu	Midnig't	Lulu Island, Westham Island, Plumper Pass and Steveston	Mo, Thu, Sat	3:00pm
Tu, Thu	Midnig't	Pender Island	Thu, Sat	3:00pm
Tuesday	Midnig't	Saturna	Saturday	3:00pm
Thursday	Midnig't	Galiano	Saturday	3:00pm
Sunday	10:30pm	Galiano	Monday	7:00pm
Monday	Midnig't	Salt Spring Island, Burgoyne Bay, Gabriola Island, Fulford Harbor, North Salt Spring	Wednesday	12:10pm
Friday	8:45am		Saturday	4:00pm
			Wednesday	12:10pm
Monday	Midnig't	Beaver Point		
Sunday	10:30pm	Howe Sound, Sechelt, Welcome Pass, Irvine's Landing, Frock, Lund, Hernando Island, Cortez Island, Whaletown, Read Island, Heriot Bay, Thulrow, Roy, Port Neville, Van Anda	Thursday	7:00pm
Monday	Midnig't	Squamish, Bowen Island, Anvil Island	Friday	7:00pm
1, 15	8:00pm	Naas Harbor, Quathiaski Cove, points on N. W. Coast		
		Hazelton		
1, 10, 20	8:00pm	Port Renfrew, Clayoquet, Alberni, Ucluelet, Bear River (Port Hughes)	Ab. 6, 14, 28	
20	8:00pm	Quatsino and Cape Scott	Ab. 28	
Daily, ex Mo	7:00am	Nelson, Kaslo, Rossland, Ainsworth, Balfour	Daily, ex Mo	4:30am
Daily, ex Mo	7:00am	Midway, Rock Creek, Boundary Falls, Greenwood, Carson, Camp McKinney, Sidley, Grand Forks, Cascade	Daily, ex Mo	4:30am
11, 26	11:00pm	Glenora, Telegraph Creek, Teslin Lake and points in Cassiar		
		BY STAGE.		
Daily, ex Sun	7:45, 11am 2:5pm	Esquimalt, Victoria West	Daily, ex Sun	9:30, 12:30 2:30, 6:30
Daily, ex Sun	10:00am	Garnham, Maywood	Daily, ex Sun	12 noon
Daily, ex Sun	10:30am	Gordonds, Mount Tolmie	Daily, ex Sun	6pm
Tu, Fri	12(noon)	Hagan, Sluggett, Heal, Royal Oak	Tu, Fri	5:00pm
Wednesday	8:00am	Metchosin, Happy Valley, Rocky Point	Tuesday	12:30pm
Saturday	2:00pm	Metchosin, Happy Valley, Rocky Point	Saturday	12:30pm
Tuesday	8:00am	Milne's Landing	Monday	1:30pm
Saturday	7:00am	Milne's Landing	Friday	4:00pm
Saturday	7:00am	Otter Point, Shirley and Sooke	Friday	4:00pm
Wednesday	8:00am	East Sooke	Tuesday	12:30pm
Tuesday	8:00am	Colwood	Monday	1:30pm
Wednesday		Colwood	Tuesday	12:30pm
	7:00am	Colwood	Friday	4:00pm
Saturday	2:00pm	Colwood	Saturday	12:30pm
		UNITED STATES.		
Daily, ex Sun	Midnig't	New England, Eastern, Central	Daily	7:00pm
Sunday	10:30pm	New England, Eastern, Central		
Daily, ex Mo	7:00am	Pacific Coast, and Western	Daily, ex Mo	4:30am
15, 20, 25, 30	7:30pm	San Francisco—By direct steamer	4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29	
11, 16, 21, 26, 31	7:00am	Alaska—via Seattle	3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 28	
		UNITED KINGDOM.		
Tuesday	7:00pm	Parcels Post	Sunday	7:00pm
Tuesday	Midnig't	Via Quebec	Sunday	7:00pm
Tu, Fri	Midnig't	Via New York (letters only)	Thu, Sat	7:00am
		AUSTRALIA, CHINA, JAPAN, ETC.		
6		Australia, New Zealand and Fiji—Per direct steamer	1, 2	
17	7:00am	Australia and New Zealand—via San Francisco	11	
8		Sydney, N.S.W.—Parcels Post	2, 23	
9		Honolulu—Parcels Post	2, 23	
9, 11, 17, 20, 27	7:00am	Honolulu	11, 16, 22, 27	
26		China, Japan, India, Straits Settlements—Per direct steamer	6	
3, 11, 27	7:30am	China, Japan, India, via San Francisco or Tacoma	9, 16, 27	
4, 14, 24		Panama and South America	Uncertain	

YUKON MAILS.

Close at Victoria as follows:

Monday, March 5; 11 p.m.....via Seattle
Wed., Mar. 7, 8 p.m.....C.P.N. Str. Tees
Sunday, Mar. 11, 11 p.m..Str. Cottage City
Wed., Mar. 14, 8 p.m..C.P.N. Str. Danube
Thursday, Mar. 15, 11 p.m.....via Seattle
Wed., Mar. 21, 8 p.m.....C.P.N. Str. Tees
Monday, Mar. 26, 11 p.m..Str. Cottage City
Wed., Mar. 28, 8 p.m..C.P.N. Str. Danube
Friday, Mar. 30, 11 p.m.....via Seattle
Wed. April 4, 8 p.m.....C.P.N. Str. Tees

To the Public of Victoria.

In view of the possible introduction of smallpox from the neighboring state of Washington, the provincial government has in contemplation the putting into force of "The Regulations of the Provincial Board of Health re Smallpox."

These "Regulations" give the Local Board of Health power to compel all persons who have not been vaccinated within the last 7 years to be vaccinated.

In the opinion of the Local Board the present circumstances do not indicate the enforcing of "compulsory vaccination," but for the purpose of safeguarding the public health the Board would earnestly advise all persons to whom these "Regulations" would apply to be at once vaccinated. Any one unable to pay will be vaccinated free by any physician in Victoria. A supply of pure fresh bovine vaccine is in the hands of all the physicians in the city.

I have the honor to be, etc.,

R. L. FRASER, M. D.,
Medical Health Officer

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that I, the undersigned, Charles Richard Lawson, intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria at the next sitting thereof for a transfer of the retail liquor license from the premises in respect of which the same is now held by me, the North Pacific Saloon, Victoria, to the premises at the corner of View and Douglas streets, known as the Vernon Block, and from me to Forbes George Vernon.

Dated at Victoria, this 5th day of February, 1900.

CHARLES RICHARD LAWSON.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

Point Ellice Bridge Accident Loan By-Law.

I hereby give notice that such of the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, as are entitled to vote on a by-law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality, are requested to attend at the polling place, or places, of the ward or wards of the said Municipality, at which they are so entitled to vote, on Friday, the 16th day of March, 1900, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., and to record their votes for or against the passage of the Point Ellice Bridge Accident Loan By-Law, a copy of which By-Law is published in the Victoria Daily Times, and copies thereof are posted up at the City Hall, and at the Public Market Building, Cormorant street, and also in each ward; and to take notice that said By-Law will not be valid, or of any effect, unless the vote polled in favor thereof be at least a three-fifths majority of the votes polled.

The polling places are as follows, viz.: For the North Ward, Central Ward and South Ward will be held at the Public Market Building, fronting on Cormorant street.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 28th day of February, 1900.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

A BY-LAW

TO RAISE THE SUM OF $200,000 TO SETTLE CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF VICTORIA OF DAMAGES ARISING FROM THE POINT ELLICE BRIDGE ACCIDENT.

Whereas it is expedient to raise a sum of money for the purpose of settling all just claims now pending in the Supreme Court of British Columbia against the Corporation of the City of Victoria in respect of damages alleged to have been received in the Point Ellice bridge accident in the year 1896, and for that purpose of to raise the sum of two hundred thousand dollars;

And whereas it will require the sum of thirteen thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars ($13,485.00) to be raised annually by rate for payment of the new debt and interest;

And whereas the whole ratable land and improvements or real property of the said Corporation of the City of Victoria according to the last revised Assessment Roll for the year 1899 is $13,907,814;

And whereas it will require an annual rate of one mill and one-sixth of a mill in the dollar for paying such new debt and interest;

And whereas this By-law shall not be altered or repealed except with the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council;

And whereas a petition, under Section 69 of the "Municipal Clauses Act," has been presented to the Municipal Council signed by the owners of more than one-tenth of the value of the real property in the said city requesting the said Council to introduce a By-law with the hereinbefore recited objects;

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Mayor of the Corporation of the City of Victoria to borrow upon the credit of the said Corporation, by way of the Debentures hereinafter mentioned, from any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same as a loan, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000.00) currency (or sterling money at the rate of four dollars and eighty-six and two-third cents to the pound sterling), and to cause all such sums so raised and received to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Corporation for the purpose and with the object hereinbefore recited.

2. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor to cause any number of Debentures to be made, executed and issued for such sums as may be required, not exceeding, however, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000.00) either in currency or sterling money (at the rate of four dollars and eighty-six and two-thirds cents to the one pound sterling) as may be required, each of the said Debentures being of the amount of one thousand dollars or its sterling equivalent, at the rate aforesaid, and all such Debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the Corporation and signed by the Mayor thereof.

3. The said Debentures shall bear date the first day of April, 1900, and shall be made payable in twenty-five years from the said date at such place either in Great Britain, the United States of America, or the Dominion of Canada, as may be designated thereon, and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest and the signatures to the interest coupons may be either written, stamped, printed or lithographed.

4. The said Debentures shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half-yearly at such place either in Great Britain, the United States of America, or the Dominion of Canada, as may be expressed in the Debentures and coupons.

5. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor to cause the said Debentures and the interest coupons, either or both, to be made payable at such place either in Great Britain, the United States of America, or the Dominion of Canada, as may be desired.

6. For the purpose of raising annually a certain specific sum for the payment of the interest on the said Debentures during their currency there shall be raised annually the sum of eight thousand dollars, and for the purpose of raising annually a certain specific sum for the payment of the debt at maturity there shall be raised annually the sum of five thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars.

7. The said annual sums in the next preceding paragraphs mentioned shall be raised and levied in each year by a rate sufficient therefor on all the ratable land or improvements or real property in the Municipality of the said Corporation of the City of Victoria during the continuance of the said Debentures or any of them.

8. This By-law shall, before the final passage thereof, receive the assent of the electors of the said Corporation in the manner provided for by the Municipal Clauses Act and amendments thereto, and shall take effect on the first day of April, 1900.

9. This By-law may be cited as the "Point Ellice Bridge Accident Loan By-law."

Passed the Municipal Council the 27th day of February, 1900.

NOTICE.

Take notice that the above is a true copy of the proposed By-law upon which the vote of the Municipality will be taken at the Public Market Building, Cormorant street, for the North, South and Central Wards, on Friday, the 16th day of March, 1900, that the poll will be kept open between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., and that Wm. W. Northcott has been appointed the Returning Officer of the said vote.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
City Clerk's Office, C. M. C.
Victoria, B. C., 28th February, 1900.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I shall apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their meeting to be held on the 14th day of March, 1900, for a transfer of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors upon the premises known as the Adelphi Saloon, situated on the corner of Yates and Government streets, Victoria, from myself to William Roberts.

Dated this twenty-first day of November, 1899.

HENRY HARRIS.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the License Commissioners for the District of Esquimalt will be held in the Blue Ribbon Hall, Esquimalt, on the 22nd March instant, to consider an application for the transfer of the New Inn hotel license, Esquimalt, from Fred. Meadam to Robert Doran, of Esquimalt.

D. CAMPBELL,
Chief Licensed Inspector.

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Russia in Far East

British China Fleet Strengthened --United States Chinese Squadron.

Naval Base at Manila--Germany Will Probably Make a Demonstration.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 14.—The Journal says that England and the United States will send some warships to Chinese waters.

"The British China fleet is being strengthened," says a cable to this paper. "The government is taking precautions to meet Russia in the Far East. The cruiser Argonaut has been ordered into commission and dispatched immediately to Chinese waters, and the Terrible has been ordered to proceed to the same place from Durban. These are the finest and most powerful cruisers in the navy."

A special from Washington reads: "The German ambassador, Dr. Von Holleben, had a long conference with Acting Secretary of State Hill, in which the latter was informed that a demonstration in China might be expected from Russia shortly. The chief of the bureau of navigation, Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, sought Secretary of State Hay and found him at the Hay residence, after which the navy department announced that a Chinese squadron would be established and that Rear-Admiral Kempff, now comandant at the Mare Island navy yard, would be sent to Manila to take this squadron for cruising the Chinese and Japanese coasts. Also that Rear-Admiral Remy, in charge of the Asiatic squadron, would maintain a naval base at Manila. It is believed here that the formation of the Chinese squadron by the United States is a warning to Russia and France that American interests are involved in any change in the conditions in China. Presumably Germany will make similar demonstration."

CANADIAN ITEMS.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, March 14.—Rev. Morgan Wood, the well known pastor of the Congregational church, has received a call to Plymouth Congregational church, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Wood has not yet decided to accept.

The fight between the Massey-Harris Co. and the striking moulders is becoming bitter. The strikers are taking actions against non-union men who, they claim, are perjuring themselves.

Quebec, March 14.—By a vote of 38 to 21, the legislative assembly last night decided to abolish the legislative council.

Montreal, March 14.—Alfred Robitaille, stricken with smallpox and confined in the smallpox hospital in this city on January 9th, was discharged today and the hospital closed, the disease being confined to the one patient only.

All technicalities in the case of James Baxter and Ferdinando Lemieux on a charge of conspiracy to rob the Ville Marie Bank having been disposed of the Court of Queen's Bench was to-day engaged in selecting a jury to try the accused.

Ottawa, March 14.—The Canadian Patriotic fund to date is $177,206.

Quebec, March 14.—St. George and St. Andrew's societies have unanimously decided to honor St. Patrick's Day by wearing the Shamrock on that day.

Woodstock, March 14.—Decker, the counterfeiter's trial, opens here to-morrow. Witnesses from Washington, Baltimore and Montreal and other cities are expected to give evidence.

A BRAZILIAN CONSPIRACY.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 14.—The government of Brazil, according to a special to the Herald, has sent a circular letter to the governors of the different states announcing that a conspiracy to establish a monarchy has been discovered. Several officers are implicated.

Major Francis feigned to participate in the conspiracy, but his object was to ascertain all its secrets and then tell the government, it is alleged. The plan of the conspirators was to establish a provisional government and take a plebescite. Francis declared that Viscount Ouropreto, Generals Cantuaria and Piragibe and Admirals Mello and Wandenkolk were concerned in the conspiracy.

THE RELIEF OF CUBANS.

(Associated Press.)

Havana, Mach 14.—Mr. Elihu Root, the United States secretary of war, in addressing yesterday the members of the Planters' Association, said he understood that distress existed as to the carrying out of the joint resolution of the United States congress. He declared, however, that the American government intended to fulfil every obligation and that consequently the Cubans should believe and act accordingly.

MRS. BOOTH-TUCKER ILL.

(Associated Press.)

Racine, Wis., March 14.—Mrs. Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army, who was to deliver a lecture in Racine last night, was prostrated on her arrival and unable to fulfil her engagements. Mrs. Booth-Tucker was taken to a private residence and medical aid summoned. It is said that her voice has failed completely.

MONTREAL MINING MARKET.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, March 14.—Stock Exchange mining board—War Eagle, 135, 132½; Payne, 138, 135½; Montreal & London, 32, 29; Republic, xd., 107½, 103. Sales.—Montreal and London, 2,000 at 30; Republic, 3,500 at 107, 1,000 at 108, 500, 4,000 at 107½, 500 at 107¾, 500 at 107¼.

The finest stock of curtains and curtain materials can be seen at Weiler Bros., second floor.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE.

Resolutions Adopted in Favor of Canadian Naval Reserve and Pacific Cable.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 14.—Resolutions were adopted at the British Empire league here to-day in favor of a Canadian naval reserve, in favor of state owned cables and the construction, at once, of the Pacific cable, and also in support of decimal currency all over the British Empire.

Lieut.-Col. Denison was re-elected president, and Hewitt Bostock vice-president for British Columbia.

Another Account.

Ottawa, March 14.—The annual meeting of the British Empire League was held this morning. The annual report referred to the importance of increased Imperial naval reserve for defensive purposes, and also advocated the establishment of a Canadian naval reserve in order that Canada should be in a position to meet any emergency.

Col. Denison, the president, in moving the adoption of the report, urged the necessity of a factory being erected for manufacturing rifles in this country, and also urged that provision be made to enable the Canadian militia to acquire tactical as well as scientific military knowledge. In referring feelingly to the services rendered by brave Canadian lads in South Africa, the president advocated the erection of a monument on Parliament Hill in memory of the dead heroes.

Hon. Wm. Mulock, in seconding the motion, referred to the Pacific cable scheme, contending that its failure now would be a calamity.

Hon. R. R. Dobell said Canada ought to lead in the function of an Imperial council sitting in London.

Sir Sandford Fleming advocated state ownership of cables connecting the different colonies.

Mr. Jenkins, M. P., Queensland, assured the meeting that Queensland warmly supported the cable scheme.

Sir Charles Tupper strongly favored a Canadian naval reserve, and said it was due to President Kruger more than anyone else that the British Empire was federating so closely.

Prof. Magowan, McGill, Montreal, proposed that a decimal currency be adopted. This was adopted.

The meeting closed shortly after noon.

JAMAICAN AFFAIRS.

Protest Against Appointment of Additional Government Members to the Council.

(Associated Press.)

Kingston, Jamaica, March 14.—An important public meeting called by elected members to the leigslature and council to protest against the action of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, in sending four additional government members to the council, was held in this city last night. The mayor acted as chairman. After a number of vigorous speeches by leading citizens, resolutions were adopted providing that two delegates proceed to London for the purpose of representing to Secretary Chamberlain and the British parliament the injustice done to Jamaica by the appointment of additional members of the council, and that crown government, in any form, was obnoxious to the Jamaicans, who held they were entitled to continue to exercise control over their own affairs, which the Queen's order-in-council had conferred on them.

A NINE CENT DINNER.

Prince and Princess of Wales Dine at the Poor Man's Restaurant.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 14.—The Prince and Princess of Wales paid a surprise visit to-day to the new poor man's restaurant in the east end, started by Sir Thomas Lipton's Alexandra Trust. Their Royal Highnesses purchased tickets for dinners at 4½d., and each of them partook of the ordinary fare. The Prince and Princess afterwards inspected the premises and received an ovation from throngs of working people.

HAGUE CONFERENCE A FAILURE.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, March 14.—In diplomatic circles here an unpleasant suggestion has been thrown out to the effect that the Hague conference has resulted in complete failure, and that even the limited programme agreed upon is never to be perfected.

Up to this moment it is not known officially that a single one of the powers represented in the conference has ratified the three conventions prepared there.

QUEEN'S VISIT TO DUBLIN.

(Associated Press.)

Dublin, March 14.—At a meeting of the corporation this afternoon, the Lord Mayor moved that an address be presented to the Queen welcoming her to the capital city of her kingdom in Ireland. His speech was frequently interrupted by occupants of the public gallery.

PRESBYTERIAN CENTURY FUND.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, March 14.—The Presbyterian century fund has reached the half million mark.

U. S. FINANCIAL BILL.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, March 14.—The President signed the financial bill at 12:45 p. m. today.

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THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Yesterday's Interview With the Governor—He Asks for a Statement of Grievances in Writing.

As announced in these columns yesterday a deputation of business men waited on His Honor the Lieut.-Governor yesterday afternoon and laid before him a statement of their grievances in connection with the present position of affairs in the Kootenays. The delegation was composed principally of wholesalers, the bankers who had been solicited to join the deputation deciding to send any representations they might have to make to the Governor in writing.

Among those who attended were A. C. Flumerfelt, W. Wilson, D. R. Ker, L. McQuade, S. Leiser, M. Leiser, M. Lenz, R. Seabrooke, W. J. Pendray, J. Henderson, O. Wejler and S. J. Pitts. Messrs. Flumerfelt, Wilson, Ker and S. Leiser acted as spokesmen for the party.

The tenor of their remarks was to the effect that the different businesses represented were suffering severely by the strained relations existing between employers and miners in the upper country. So badly had business become demoralized, so it was represented, that dealers hesitated about dispatching shipments which had been ordered, owing to the fear of fiancial stringency arising out of this condition of affairs. They asked that the Governor do something to restore matters to their normal condition and thus re-awaken confidence in business circles.

The Governor expressed his deep regret at hearing that business was being stagnated and expressed his willingness to do anything in his power to bring about the condition of affairs desired by the petitioners. In the speech from the throne on the occasion of the prorogation of parliament it had been stated that there would be another session before the close of the fiscal year, and he did not know of any departure from that course being decided upon. He further asked that the request of the delegation be put in writing.

The deputation then withdrew and today will forward their representations to the Government House in writing.

Hon. Smith Curtis left for Rossland this morning, where he will go into the dispute between the miners and mine owners.

A "business men's" meeting is called for the Philharmonic Hall on Thursday evening, when a full expression of opinion will be indulged in in regard to the present situation.

The Vancouver correspondent of the Times wires as follows: "Hon. Smith Curtis, who passed through the city today on his way to Rossland, said that Martin's complete cabinet would be announced in a day or two. He would make no more detailed claim of what was to be done. It is said here that two Conservatives will be taken into the cabinet."

James Johnstone was appointed Liberal organizer for Burrard district at a committee meeting last night.

GRAND LODGE MEETS.

Annual Session Commenced in the A. O. U. W. Hall This Morning.

The first meeting of the ninth session of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., was opened in the Yates street hall at 10 a.m. to-day, Grand Master Workman E. J. Salmon in the chair. P. G. Master Bro. Judge W. M. Colvig, of Oregon, was also present, acting as representative of the Supreme Lodge.

The various representatives from Rossland and other distant parts of the province were present, as well as those from Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo.

The last session of the order was held in Victoria, while the one previous was convened at Nanaimo. Where the next meeting will take place will be decided during the last day of the present session.

The local branch of this great order has expended during the year just passed the sum of $22,683.55 for beneficiary purposes, while the total disbursements to widows and orphans since the establishment of the order in all jurisdictions reach the magnificent total of $98,000,000.

The relief distributed amongst widows and orphans has been most timely.

The following is a full list of representatives attending the meeting:

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Bro. J. K. Church.

Granville Lodge, No. 2, Bro. A. E. Less.

Fraser Lodge, No. 3, Bro. A. H. McBride.

Nanaimo, No. 4, Gilbert McKinnell and J. S. Kmarston.

Vancouver, No. 5, W. Scowcroft and S. F. McIntosh.

Banner, No. 6, Frank Higgins and Phil R. Smith.

Western Star, No. 7, C. W. Kirk.

Rossland, No. 8, S. E. Siddell.

Perseverance, No. 11, F. W. Welsh and R. R. McCowley.

Delta, No. 12, T. W. Kerr.

Maple Leaf, No. 17, Hector Ferguson.

The session is being continued this afternoon, when business in connection with the order is to be up for consideration.

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 14.—In answer to Mr. Domville in the House to-day, Hon. W. S. Fielding said that Sir Charles Tupper during the time he was high commissioner drew for salary and allowances $127,002. This included everything.

To John McMillian (Huron), Hon. W. Patterson said that 21,646,594 pounds of butter were exported to Great Britain in 1898, as compared with about two million in 1891. For six months ending December 31st last there were exported 23,934,000 pounds, or more than for the previous twelve months.

When motions were reached, Sir Chas. Tupper asked that unopposed motions may be taken up first.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that when the courtesy was extended last time he was threatened for doing so, and therefore he decided not to grant it.

This provoked lively discussion, started by Mr. Foster.

SHIPPING NEWS

Happenings of a Day Along the Waterfront.

Steamer Willapa arrived early this morning from Ahouset and way ports of the West Coast, bringing but nine passengers and no downward freight. Of her passengers probably the best known is Col. G. H. Hayes, of the Hayes Mines on Alberni canal, and he gives denial to the story of the transfer of those mines which is being told. Dr. E. O. Smith, an American mining expert, returned from a visit to other properties along Alberni canal. Other passengers were L. Grant, Mrs. E. Warren, W. McDonald, S. Wood, E. S. Wilkison, F. Pascoe and H. Crocker. News was brought of several of the sealing fleet that have arrived on the Coast from the South. The Ida Etta is reported at Hesquiot with 106 skins, the Libbie is at Ahousett with 120 skins, and four canoes and two boats smashed in a recent storm encountered of the Southern Coast. Capt. Hackett, despite his troubles, was ready to celebrate on account of certain news given him from Victoria by Capt. Hughes. The Libbie had a boat and three men belonging to the schooner Otto. This boat had been lost while the Otto was hunting to the south, and was picked up by the Libbie. The crew of the boat consisted of two Japs and one white hunter. The Umbrina was reported entering Clayoquot with 500 skins, and it was learned that the boat's crew drowned from that vessel, insteading of being made up by an Indian and kanaka, comprised one Indian and two white hunters. Their names were not learned. The City of San Diego was at Clayoquot with 380 pelts and the Viva was reported with 300. The Triumph was entering that port, but no news was received from her. The Water L. Rich was in Barclay Sound. She had secured six canoes and expected to get four more at Uclulet. She was about ready to start. The schooner Saucy Lass put to sea a few days before the Willapa left Ahousett with six canoes.

James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, who is reported to be desirous of making that fine harbor at Quatsino his Pacific Coast depot and terminus, is to build, at New London, Connecticut, four fine large cargo steamers for the Pacific and Oriental trade. The ships will be the largest in the world with the exception of the new ones recently built for the Atlantic trade by the Hamburg-American and White Star lines. They will be over 600 feet long, 70 feet broad, and have five decks, capable of carrying 20,000 tons of cargo and 200 passengers. They will not be built for speed, athough expected to average twelve knots an hour under ordinary pressure and fifteen or sixteen knots in an emergency. The engines will develop 8,000 horse-power. Mr. Hill expects to commence two of the ships this spring, and have them completed within 18 months. Two new Pacific mail steamers, now being built at Newport News, will compete directly with the Great Northern vessels in the Asiatic trade. One will be completed in December, 1900, and the other early next year. They will cost $2,500,000 each, length 575 feet, beam 63 feet, depth 40 feet, tonnage 18,400 tons, speed 12 knots. There will be accommodations for 150 cabin and 1,200 steerage passengers. The actual cargo capacity will be about 7,000 tons. The Spreckels Sugar Company, of San Francisco, has contracted with the Cramps, of Philadelphia, to build two steamships very nearly as large, of 10,500 tons, and speed 18 knots, which they will use on the Oceanic line between San Francisco, Honolulu and Australia.

Our Vancouver correspondent writes as follows: United States Consul L. Edwin Dudley, in an interview to-day said he did not believe that there would be any real difficulty with regard to Canadian vessels engaging in the Cape Nome trade, when the season is once opened and business is permanently established there. "I think," he said, that a great deal of this supposed difficulty in connection with Cape Nome trade has arisen through the discussion in newspapers. The situation is just this: Cape Nome has not yet the official standing of a community; there is no definite form of official government there, and as far as the state department or anyone else knows, it may be one of those mining camps that springs up today and is gone to-morrow. The department does not think that the conditions justify the official expenditure of establishing a sub-port of entry there. When from a business standpoint the making of a sub-port is warranted, then the department will certainly take the necessary steps to carry out the plan suggested. I am certain that there is no feeling against Canadian vessels or merchants, but it is simply a business proposition. Much is made of the suggested discrimination against Canadian boats, but the law is just the same in regard to Cape Nome as it has always been with other United States ports. I am satisfied that when the department is assured that Cape Nome's importance is a sufficient guarantee that business will be carried on there to make it worth the while, so to speak, a sub-port of entry will be established and Canadian boats will be given equal privileges with American."

From Honolulu comes news via San Francisco of fire on the British bark East African on February 26th. The bark was loaded with coal. There were several explosions in the hold, the hatches were blow off and the deck grew red hot. It was thought that the vessel would have to be sunk, and Capt. Decent made an attempt to reach the sea cock, but could not find it. Nearly half the population of Honolulu crowded down to the water front to see the vessel sink, but they were disappointed. A survey was subsequently held on the East African and the board decided that it was not necessary to sink the bark to save her. The coal was still burning when the Mariposa sailed. The cargo was to be discharged as rapidly as possible, with a view of getting at the seat of the fire.

Steamer Golden Gate sailed from Port Townsend yesterday to go on the mail route between Sitka and Kadiak in place of the long overdue steamer Wolcott, and also to search for the Wolcott. Since the Wolcott was reported as being on her way to Sitka from Western Alaska several severe storms have occurred in the North Pacific, and shipping men, familiar with that coast and the overdue vessel, are of the opinion that she has been lost.

A dispatch received by Hall, Goepel & Co. from Dan Ross, the shipping and commission man of San Francisco, says the schooner Geneva was spoken yesterday off Point Reyes with 500 skins. Other vessels reported by the schooners arriving on the coast, according to advices which have reached this firm, are the Victoria with 135 skins, the Beatrice with 150, and the Borealis with 60.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Union Steamship Co. was held yesterday. The report and balance sheet for the year 1899 was presented and approved. It showed that notwithstanding the severe competition with which the company had to contend, it continued to make progress.

Steamer Kvarven, which is to bring a cargo of general merchandise consigned to W. A. Ward, including several thousand tons of tin and other cannery supplies, is about ready to sail. After discharging her cargo here she will load lumber at Chemainus for the Orient.

Steamer Danube will sail for Skagway this evening. Among those booked to sail as passengers from here are Capt. Ritchie, superintendent of the C. D. Co.'s river service, Captain Sanborn and five others.

Reports are given by the sealing schooners which have arrived on the coast of the schooners Vera and Ocean Belle, the former being reported with 600 and the latter 500 skins.

A dispatch from Seattle says two steamers have reached there from Alaska, but brought no news of the missing steamers Wolcott and Excelsior.

Tug Lorne towed the German ship Renee Rickmers to Chemainus this morning, where she will load a lumber cargo.

Steamer Islander left Vancouver at 3 o'clock, connecting with the through train from the East.

The steamer Victorian will arrive and leave from the outer wharf to-morrow morning.

A TALE OF GOLD

Told by a Late Arrival From the North —Millions in Siberia.

Henry Cowley, a young Englishman who has been on the staff of the Dawson Nugget, is at the Dominion, and he has a story to tell of gold such as even the most enthusiastic pioneer has not given out. Gold, he says, carpets the old creek bed where his partners have made the discovery of which he tells. The discoverers were two Americans, one of Swedish origin—Mr. Cowley will not give their names. Their discovery was made in far-away Siberia, not on the coast, but about five or six hundred miles inland in October last.

The two miners only stayed one day at the find, they did not, like the usual goldfinder, camp on the spot. They took out, Mr. Cowley says, about $280 in coarse gold which they hid away in their socks and elsewhere. They feared to stay and take out more gold, fearing the coming of Cossacks, and not only the confiscation of their gold, but imprisonment for trespass.

They left the scene of the big find on the day following that on which they made it, and coming across the straits to the northward, made their way down to Nome, and thence to Dawson. On their way down they made another rich discovery about two miles from Cape Nome and 150 from Cape York, where other rich discoveries had been made. They crossed the straits in a canoe belonging to some Russians, which they found on the beach and appropriated, as far as there was water, then mushed over the ice to the northward and came down the coast to Cape Nome. On reaching Dawson they told Mr. Cowley of their finds, and he entered into a partnership with them, and grub-staking them, dispatched them back to the discovery, while he came out on his way to London to interest capital.

Speaking of the goldfields discovered by his partners in Siberia—the location of which he will not give, fearing that when the location is known there will be a stampede—Cowley says the gold can, figuratively speaking, be picked right out of the earth. It lies in an old creek bed, which is covered by a thin layer of ice, which when the spring comes, makes a creek.

The gold is covered with a thin layer of sand, which seems to have blown over the deposit of gold. The bed-rock there is not far from the surface. The gold brought out by the men was worth over $16 to the ounce. It was not coarse nor was it fine gold, but 'twixt and between, as it were. On his way out from Dawson he met over a thousand people going in. The two discoverers of the Siberian goldfields told of a fire in a saloon at Cape Nome, which occurred a short time before they left there.

ALLEGED INCENDIARY.

(Associated Press.)

Newark, N.J., March 14.—Search for the bodies of the victims of the fire was completed to-day, however, without finding any more bodies being found. Vito Cretenzo, the suspect, was arraigned and remanded until Friday next.

REV. T. BEECHER DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

Elmira, N.Y., March 14.—Rev. Thos. K. Beecher, a brother of the late Henry Ward Beecher, died to-day. He was born in Litchfield, Conn., in 1824.

ILLNESS OF SIGNOR CRISPI.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, March 14.—Former Premier Crispi is seriously ill with influenza, complicated with bronchitis, and is unable to retain food.

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Sporting News.

GOLF.

THE COMING TOURNAMENT.

Arrangements are being rapidly perfected by the Victoria Golf Club for the approaching spring tournament to be held at Oak Bay links on March 23rd, 24th, and 26th. This will be the sixth spring meeting of the home club, and those in charge are determined that it shall eclipse its predecessors. The grounds are rapidly approaching perfection, and should the present beautiful weather continue the coming tournament will be held under the most favorable circumstances. Votaries of this popular pastime are now assiduously practicing for the different events, which should be closely contested. The officers of the club are: President, Mr. F. B. Pemberton; vice-president, Mr. A. P. Luxton; secretary-treasurer, Mr. C. H. Stahlschmidt; committee, Messrs. H. Combe, G. S. Holt, F. H. Stirling, W. F. Burton, C. J. Prior, Arthur Pemberton, and Major A. W. Jones. The programme for the tournament is as follows:

Friday, March 23rd.

9:30 to 10:30 a. m.—Open championship of British Columbia; 18 holes; match play.

10:30 a. m. to 3 p. m.—Mixed foursomes; 14 holes.

Saturday, March 24th.

9:30 to 10:30 a. m.—Open championship continued.

10:30 to 11 a. m.—American Cousins' cup (presented by Mr. Robert Cassidy) competition, open only to lady members of the Tacoma Golf Club course, 14 holes.

11 to 11:30 a. m.—Ladies' club handicap; 14 holes.

1:30 to 3 p. m.—Open handicap (gentlemen). Putting competition.

Monday, March 26th.

9:30 to 10 a. m.—Open championship continued.

10 to 10:30 a. m.—Ladies' open championship of British Columbia; medal play; 14 holes.

10:30 a. m. to 1 p. m.—"A" and "B" class club handicaps.

1 to 1:30 p.m.—Open championship, final.

1:30 to 2:30 p. m.—Ladies' open handicap; 14 holes.

TACOMA TOURNAMENT.

The tournament of the Tacoma Golf Club is set for the 29th, 30th and 31st of the month, the programme arranged being a long one, as follows:

Thursday, March 29th.

9:30 to 10:30—Men's open competition; 18 holes; match play.

10:30 to 11:30—Women's open competition; 9 holes; match play.

1:30 to 2:30—Women's foursomes; 15 holes handicap; medal play.

1 to 3—Men's driving contest; 4 balls; course 40 yards wide; carry 100 yards; prize for longest single drive; prize for best average.

3 to 5—Women's approaching contest; 4 balls, 2 at 60 yards, 2 at 40 yards; bunkers 25 yards from hole; prize for nearest approach; prize for best average.

10 to 5—Putting contest; from 16 feet circle; down in one, counts 5; down in two, counts 3.

Friday, March 30th.

9:30 to 10:30—Continuation of men's competition.

10:30 to 11:30—Continuation of women's open competition.

12:30 to 2:30—Mixed foursomes; 15 holes handicap; medal play.

10 to 5—Putting contest; same terms as on Thursday.

Saturday, March 31st.

9:30 to 10—Continuation of men's open competition.

10 to 10:30—Continuation of women's open competition.

12:30 to 1:30—Men's open handicap; 18 holes; medal play; prize for best scratch score; prize for first and second best score with handicap; no competitor to take two prizes.

1:30 to 2:30—Women's open handicap; 15 holes; medal play; prize for best scratch score; prize for first and second best score with handicap; no competitor to take two prizes.

4 to 5—Men's approaching contest; 4 balls, 2 at 75 yards, 2 at 50 yards; bunkers 25 yards from hole; prize for nearest approach; prize for best average.

4 to 5—Women's driving contest; 4 balls; course 40 yards wide; carry 40 yards; prize for longest drive; prize for best average.

10 to 5—Putting contest; same terms as on Thursday.

THE ROD.

OPEN SEASON AT HAND.

To-morrow the close fishing season expires, and on Friday the open season commences, and there can be little doubt but that there will be a decided dearth of sportsmen in this city on that day. Judging by the amount of fishing tackle that is being retailed in the various stores where sporting material can be secured, there will be no cessation of interest in a department of sport for which Victoria and vicinity have long been noted. Trout appear to be as plentiful in the numerous lakes and streams now as of yore, while new haunts are constantly being located.

Along the E. & N. are a large number of localities which have for years been the favorite fishing spots of disciples of Isaac Walton. Of these, pre-eminent are Shawnigan Lake, Cowichan river, at Duncan's Koksilah, Somenos lake, Chemainus river, Healey creek, and Cowichan lake. The latter is rapidly rivalling Shawnigan in popularity, while it is safe to say all the above places will be well frequented. Salt Spring Island also offers unrivalled facilities for trout fishing. Cushion, Brown, Ford and Roberts lakes, being famed for the number of trout abounding therein.

The E. & N. trains will leave Victoria on Saturday at 9 a. m. and 3:10 p. m.; Sunday at 7 a. m. and 9 a. m. Returning trains leave Wellington on Sunday at 2:50 p. m.; Duncans at 4:30 p. m.; and Shawnigan at 5:06 p. m. Fishermen, if so desirous, may return to the city by the Monday morning train, the excursion tickets holding good.

THE RING.

FITZSIMMONS v. MAHER.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 14.—Fitzsimmons and Maher have been matched to box six rounds at the First Regiment armory, Philadelphia, on March 27th.

ATHLETICS.

J. B. A. A. MEETING.

A meeting of the J. B. A. A. was held last evening, when it was decided to hold a special meeting of members on Monday evening for the purpose of arranging for a suitable memorial for the late W. I. Scott. Messrs. B. A. Hunter and A. Curtin were elected members.

THE GUN.

A JOINT MEETING.

The members of the Victoria and Capital Gun Clubs will hold a joint meeting to-morrow evening at 8:30 o'clock in the office of Messrs. Weiler Bros., in order to arrange for the tournament of the Sportsmen's Association of the Northwest to be held in this city in June.

THE OAR.

VANCOUVER CLUB MEETING.

There was an attendance of 68 members at the recent annual meeting of the Vancouver Rowing Club. The reports of the various committees showed the club to be in a most satisfactory condition, numerically and financially. The season's programme has not been as yet definitely decided, and arrangements in this matter will probably be completed in the near future.

A vote of condolence was passed and submitted to the James Bay Athletic Club in consequence of the death, in South Africa, of W. I. Scott, one of its crack oarsmen.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. president, R. Marpole; president, C. Sweeny; vice-presidents, R. G. Tatlow, G. I. Wilson, L. G. McPhillips, J. A. Russell; captain, J. W. Senkler; vice-captains, E. B. Lloyd, H. W. Kent; secretary-treasurer, T. W. Golding; committee, George Seymour, J. D. Bell, H. O. Alexander, E. P. Woodward, F. R. McD. Russell, J. D. Scott, L. J. Springer, C. C. Bishnett, E. H. Grubbe, G. A. Boddy.

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By order,

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

Victoria, B. C., March 12th, 1900.